

GUARADRAILS
What It Means To Be In Christ
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Key Verses of the Day

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:8-15 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

Beware of being imprisoned by legalistic tradition or religious nonsense for you have experienced true _____ through the fullness of Christ.

Grab This!

“Take you captive” means — for a _____ to carry off his victim, both body and soul.

The False Teaching

Paul refutes the teaching that _____ practices, or any other spiritual influences, needed to be added to one’s Christian faith for one to have a _____ knowledge of God.

Don’t Miss This!

You see, once we understand the spiritual _____ we have in Christ, it is inconceivable to look for spiritual fulfillment anywhere else.

What It Means To Be In Christ...

1. The Spiritual Fullness found _____.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. Colossians 2:9-10 NIV

Grab This!

The sole place of _____ is found in Christ!

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2. The _____ we have with Christ.

In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Grab This!

We have fellowship with Christ because we _____ in what he did.

- The Fellowship of being _____ from sin in Christ.

In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ...

- The Fellowship of _____ defeat in Christ.

...having been buried with him in baptism...

- The Fellowship of _____ in Christ.

...you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is... Colossians 3:1 NIV

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3. The Spiritual _____ found through Christ.

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The Bottom Line

Be on guard against anyone who would seek to influence your _____ in Jesus Christ by _____ something to what Christ has already done for you.

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How do we avoid captivity?

The Challenge

_____!