

<u>He Wiped Out Requirements (Colossians 2:11-19) – Walking Together</u>

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## **OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan**

Are you being cheated out of the riches of Christ?

Experiencing Jesus' way of living – community & connection with the church

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. **Colossians 2:8 NKJV** 

### **Gnosticism**

- "Secret knowledge"
- Physical = Evil
- Immaterial = Good

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **Colossians 2:11 NKJV** 

buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **Colossians 2:12 NKJV** 

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, **Colossians 2:13 NKJV** 

having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **Colossians 2:14 NKJV** 

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. **Colossians 2:15 NKJV** 

Jesus cut our soul away from our flesh

Jesus counted us as dying, being buried, & rising with Him

Jesus set us free from the Law

Liberty, Legalism, Lawlessness

Jesus defeated demons through His death & resurrection

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, **Colossians 2:16 NKJV** 

which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. Colossians 2:17 NKJV

Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, **Colossians 2:18 NKJV** 

and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. **Colossians 2:19 NKJV** 

Judgmental people can disconnect you from Christ

"Secret knowledge" can disconnect you from Christ

# This week's OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan:

May 6 – 1 Sam 7-9 & Prov 23

May 7 – 1 Sam 10-11 & Prov 24

May 8 – 1 Sam 12-13 & Prov 25-26

May 9 – 1 Sam 14 & Prov 27-28

May 10 – 1 Sam 15-16 & Prov 29

May 11 – 1 Sam 17-18 & Prov 30

May 12 - Reflection & Prayer



In this series, we will be learning the story of David and Goliath. We will learn that even though we are small, God is always with us!

**Memory Verse:** God is with us. Matthew 1:23 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: : God is With Us All The Time

**Parent Connection:** Hop on a computer or tablet and head over to visitgracechurch.com/kids. Click on the nursery table to visit our nursery YouTube page. Watch the videos and dance to the worship songs with your toddler. We add new videos to this playlist every week!

# TELL EVERYONE ABOUT JESUS GO AND SHARE

This series will follow a man named Saul who was became a disciple of Jesus and his name was changed to Paul. We will learn about Paul's travels and how he told others about Jesus!

**Memory Verse:** "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved Acts 4:12

Heart of the Lesson: Saul and Barnabas at Antioch – Acts 13:1-4

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned that after fasting, praying and worshiping, God told Paul and Barnabas to go to the church of Antioch in Cyprus to tell others about Jesus. Can you tell others about Jesus like Saul and Barnabas did? Neighbors, friends, family, teachers? Try starting with saying 'Jesus loves you!' to someone each day this week.



**Memory Verse:** "For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17

Heart of the Lesson: God tells us how to live - Exodus 20; Deut 5; John 1:17

**Parent Connect:** Draw or write on your child's face and let them write on yours (use eyeliner, chocolate sauce) Discuss how you can't know the marks look like without a mirror. God's law is a mirror that shows us our sin.

The people in Colossians didn't know Paul, but they respected his leadership. They were being told by the local Jewish leaders that they needed to follow the Jewish laws on top of following the teachings of Jesus. Paul takes time in this book to establish his love for Christ followers and tells them what is truly needed to be a Christ follower (spoiler alert: it's just faith). We will be talking about who Jesus is, and what it means to follow Him as ONE TEAM!

**Memory Verse:** "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." Colossians 3:15

Heart of the Lesson: As one team, we need to practice together - Colossians 3:13-17

**Parent Connect:** Practice prayer together! Select an outreach partner or Grace staff person to pray for together. If you'd like, go a step further and send them an email or write them a card.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**

# **WALKING TOGETHER**



Life is a journey, and we aren't meant to "walk" alone when we follow Jesus! This series, we are taking time to look at the book of Colossians to see how God wants us to walk together with Him and other Followers of Jesus. When we walk together as we follow Jesus, God grows and changes us, and He helps us share His love with others!

**Memory Verse:** Then you will be able to lead a life that is worthy of the Lord. We pray that you will please him in every way. So we want you to bear fruit in every good thing you do. We pray that you will grow to know God better. (Colossians 1:10, NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: We are free because of Jesus! - Colossians 2:11-19

#### Parents/Caregivers:

- Who can we have a relationship with because of what Jesus has done for us?
- What has God done for us that the law could not do?
- o Do we need to follow rules that aren't in the Bible to be accepted by God?
- O How can we help others know Jesus?