

Colossians

2:6-15

Discussion starters

- Do you ever find it hard to keep going as a Christian? What things make it hard for you to keep going in your walk with Christ?
- If an unbelieving friend asked you to explain why Christians are so 'obsessed' with Jesus' death on the cross how would you respond?

Sermon review...

- Are there any questions or comments about the sermon on this passage?

* If anyone was not in church and missed the sermon they are all readily available in mp3 format on the St Mark's website.

Recap

- Colossians 2:6-7 are often seen as a summary of the entire letter. Would you agree, given your understanding of Colossians thus far?

Keep walking

- How do you think each of the word pictures, *rooted*, *built up*, *strengthened* and *overflowing* in v 7 help us to understand how we should continue to live in Christ?
- What 'hollow and deceptive philosophies' (v 8) in today's world are Christians at risk of becoming captive to? How does what Paul says in these verses help us avoid becoming captive to these?
- Are their subtle rules or regulations in our church/fellowship that threaten to become an addition to the gospel?

In Christ

- Re-read vv 9-13 and notice how often Paul speaks of being 'in' or 'with' Christ. What encouragement, if any, do you draw from the knowledge that you are united to Christ in such an intimate way?

- [optional] Read Romans 6:1-14. Here Paul also speaks of our being united to Christ in his death, burial and resurrection. According to Paul what are the implications of this fact (our being united to Christ) for how we are to live the Christian life?

The cross

- As a group quickly compile a list of the 5 – 10 most important events in history (both ancient and modern).
 - Where would you place Jesus' crucifixion on this list? Why?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.

- Thinking back to our very first question, how could vv 13-15 help you to explain to your unbelieving friend why Christians are 'obsessed' with Jesus' death on the cross?

- **Read Luke 23:26-49** and conclude by spending a few moments in prayer, giving thanks to God for all that he has done for us in Christ.