

# Living A Resurrected Life

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## A Resurrected Life Bears Fruit!

*Colossians 1:1-23*

### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Colossians 1. There is often a difference between our intellect and our experience, between what we know to be true and what we actually do. My intellect may tell me that a salad is healthier for me, but in my experience I choose to eat cake instead. This affects us spiritually as well. We may know intellectually that we can and should trust God's way, but in our daily actions we don't follow God's way.

For first century Christians, the Greek language for "to believe" didn't know that difference between intellect and experience. So, to believe in something or someone meant to act consistently with that belief. The letter to the Colossians tells us that Jesus is all we need, that God's Word is the complete truth and contains all we need to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to live. The trick is to live consistently with that truth. Thankfully Holy Spirit has and will change us if we submit to Him. Ask God in prayer this week to help you see where your intellect and experience differ, and to help you live by His truth.

### *Weekly Memory Verse:*

"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,"

Colossians 1:13

### *Weekly Affirmation:*

JESUS IS  
ALL I NEED!

### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Colossians 1:24-29. After just warning the Colossians of false teachers and explaining the preeminence of Christ, Paul now mentions that he is "supplementing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions." We scratch our heads because we know that Jesus' sacrifice was all-sufficient. So, what does Paul mean? Well, the Greek here is difficult because what Paul wrote here is unique in the New Testament. But, the point most likely being made is that Jesus had told Paul he would suffer persecution when he took the Gospel to the Gentiles (*Acts 9:15-16*). Paul gladly took on that suffering for Christians like the Colossians because of his love for them and Christ. This is something the false teachers would not do, and so it brings credibility to Paul's apostleship. Jesus told us that that we should rejoice in persecution for following Him (*Matt. 5:11-12*). So be bold in proclaiming the full Gospel to those in your circle of influence! And know that your love for them and Christ is evident in any suffering it may bring.

### FOR CHILDREN:

Design your own Swiss army knife or multi-purpose tool. Draw what it would look like with all the parts you want - the only limit is your imagination! Now read Colossians 1:15-20.

The Christians in Colossae were being attacked by false teachers telling them that Jesus was not enough to save them. But Paul encourages them that, of course, Jesus is enough! Jesus is over and above all creation! Jesus is the answer to every need and situation in our lives. So anytime you feel like something is missing in your life, know that turning to Jesus will help you fill that longing. He's more useful than any multi-purpose tool, no matter how much it has!

### *April 2025 Growth Goals*



Read the Book of Colossians (*plus 50 Psalms*).

Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.

Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Colossians (available on the website).

Rest in 10 minutes of silence each week to remember both Jesus' death & resurrection, and your own spiritual resurrection.