

Mindset
“Mindset Of Standing Firm”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Sermon Teaching

Big Idea: Understanding **who Christ is**, and **who we are in Him**, will empower us to live out our **new identity**.

“But you must **continue to believe this truth** and **stand firmly** in it. Don’t drift away from the **assurance** you received when you heard the **Good News**.”

Colossians 1:23a (NLT2)

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.” **Colossians 1:27 (NIV)**

Paul’s Warning: Jesus Plus _____ Ruins _____

“Therefore do not let anyone **judge** you by what you **eat or drink**, or with regard to a **religious festival**, a **New Moon celebration** or a **Sabbath day**. These are a **shadow** of the things that were to come; **the reality**, however, **is found in Christ**.”

Colossians 2:16-17 (NIV)

“Do not let anyone who delights in **false humility** and the **worship of angels disqualify** you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he **has seen**, and his unspiritual mind **puffs him up** with idle notions. He has **lost connection** with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. **Since you died with Christ** to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: **“Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!** These are all **destined to perish** with use, because they are based on **human commands and teachings**. Such regulations indeed have an **appearance** of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their **false humility** and their **harsh treatment of the body**, but they **lack any value** in restraining sensual indulgence.”

Colossians 2:18-23 (NIV)

I Will Have A Mindset Of Standing Firm By:

1. Refusing To Be Diluted With Religion _____

“Don’t let anyone **capture** you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from **human thinking** and from the spiritual powers of this world, **rather than from Christ**.” **Colossians 2:8 (NLT2)**

“For **in Christ** all the **fullness of the Deity** lives in bodily form, and **you have been given fullness in Christ**, who is the head over every power and authority.”

Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

“**In Him** you were also **circumcised**, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried **with him in baptism** and **raised with him** through your faith in the **power of God**, who raised him from the dead.” **Colossians 2:11-12 (NIV)**

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, **God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins**, having **canceled** the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took 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 2:13-15 (NIV)

Notes: _____

2. Submitting My Life _____

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus **as your Lord**, you must **continue to follow Him**.” **Colossians 2:6 (NLT2)**

“Then he said to them all: ‘If anyone would come after me, he must **deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me**. For whoever wants to **save** his life will **lose** it, but whoever **loses** his life for me will **save** it. What good is it for a man to **gain the whole world**, and yet lose or **forfeit his very self**? If anyone is **ashamed** of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.’” **Luke 9:23-26 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

3. Seeking To _____

“Let your **roots** grow down into him, and let your lives be **built** on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will **overflow with thankfulness**.” **Colossians 2:7 (NLT2)**

“In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. **Supplement your faith** with a generous provision of **moral excellence**, and moral excellence with **knowledge**, and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with **patient** endurance, and patient endurance with **godliness**, and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love for everyone**. The more you grow like this, the **more productive** and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:5-8 (NLT2)

“Set your **mind** on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is **hidden with Christ** in God.” **Colossians 3:2-3 (NASB) Remember Verses**

Notes: _____

- Am I willing to follow Jesus in every area of my life?

I will take my next right step by:

- Submitting all of my life to Jesus
- Seeking to grow in my relationship with Jesus
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Attending Wednesday Toddler Playground Fundraiser

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honors your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

➤ What thoughts from this week's message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

Icebreaker: Growing up, did you consider your parents permissive or strict? Did they have a lot of rules? Which one was the “biggie”?

Big Idea: Understanding **who Christ is** and **who we are in Him** will empower us to live out our **new identity**.

Paul's Warning: Jesus Plus Anything Ruins Everything

Read Colossians 2:16-17

What stands out to you about being religious?

What is the result of trying to keep one's relationship with God based on rules?

I Will Have A Mindset Of Standing Firm By:

1. Refusing To Be Diluted With Religion Instead Of A Relationship With Jesus

Read Colossians 2:8

What religious activity or philosophy in the past has caused you to stumble in your relationship with Jesus?

Read Colossians 2:9-10

What does it mean for you to have the fullness of Jesus living in you?

Read Colossians 2:11-12

What kind of circumcision does Jesus do for us?

Read Colossians 2:13-15

How does Jesus give us victory over sin?

2. Submitting My Life To Jesus

Read Colossians 2:6

What does it mean to you to continue to follow Jesus?

Read Luke 9:23-26

How does Jesus describe what it is to follow Him?

What did you let go in order to pick up the cross?

What are some things that help you in your daily relationship with Jesus?

How do you feel about people knowing that you are a follower of Jesus?

3. Seeking To Grow In My Relationship With Jesus

Read Colossians 2:7

What does “rooted and built up” imply?

What has been the “overflow” of your heart lately? Why?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-8

Over the past year, which attribute has grown the most in your life?

Which attribute do you need to add the most this week?

Read Colossians 3:2-3

How can you have a better eternal mindset?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

Notes: _____

