

**Knowing Life: Alive in Christ**  
**Colossians 2**  
**September 8, 2019**

I. Move forward by faith. (Colossians 2:1-7)

1. Walk in Christ. (Colossians 2:6)
  
2. Walk in thankfulness. (Colossians 2:7)

II. Guard your faith. (Colossians 2:8)

III. Strengthen your faith. (Colossians 2:9-15)

Deuteronomy 30:6 - "And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart...so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

How can we enjoy being alive in Christ?

1. Drink deeply from Him.

Jeremiah 2:13 - "My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water."

2. Don't tolerate "distorted affections."

Galatians 5:17 - "For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

3. Believe that roots determine fruits.

Matthew 13:8 - "Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

### **For Deeper Growth This Week:**

1. What is one way you have seen God work in your life this week?
2. Have at least one person share the gospel message.
3. In what ways do we see people in our culture taken captive by false, worldly philosophies?
4. What does it mean for us daily that all believers have been filled or made complete in Christ?
5. What does it mean that believers have been circumcised by the circumcision of Christ on the inside? (Ezekiel 36:22-28 and Romans 2:29)
6. Read 1 John 3:8 and James 4:7. Discuss these truths and how to explain them to our children, grandchildren and those we disciple. Pray!