

Sermon Notes

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“Continue with Christ”

Colossians 2:6-7

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A person’s life as a Christian begins when they have “received Christ Jesus as Lord.” What does this mean? How is it like, and different from believing certain doctrines? Behaving in certain ways? Attending a particular church?

While receiving Christ and continuing with Christ involves one’s personal, subjective experiences, Paul is clear that Christ Jesus is a real person and that there is an objective content to faith in him. See Colossians 1:15-20, and 2:9 to get an idea of who this Jesus is in whom Christians believe.

If you are a follower of Jesus today, how have the circumstances of your life changed since you first received him as Lord? What were some of your main concerns in life then as opposed to now?

- Is your faith in Jesus today being strengthened in ways that increasingly help you cope with your life today? If so, what has helped to strengthen you? If not, what do you think might help?