

How to *receive Jesus Christ as your Savior*

How to *be Filled by the Holy Spirit*

How to *be Empowered by the Holy Spirit*

How to *be saved from the Power of Sin*

How to *walk in Christ*

Colossians 2:6

6 **Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk in Him**

Colossians 2:6 is the center core of all that Paul is saying in Colossians.

Since all Wisdom is found in JESUS CHRIST

—**Walk in Him**

Since all Knowledge is in JESUS CHRIST

—**Walk in Him**

To keep from being deceived out of Truth

—**Walk in Him**

Question: How do we **walk in Him**?

{Actually, this short verse 6 presents two questions:}

First: How did we receive Christ Jesus?

Then: How do we **walk in Him**?

Actually, the second question is answered by correctly answering the first question.

Therefore

This important conjunction presents cause and effect: that one follows from the other. The way that one event occurs follows the way another event occurs.

Add to this conjunction the Adverb translated **As: Therefore as:** The adverb adds the force of “in what manner or way” translated: **just as: therefore just as:**

It is used to introduce “**a model for comparison**”!

What is being set up as a model for what?

How we receive JESUS CHRIST is the model of how we are to
walk in Him.

How we are saved is the model for how we
walk in the Spirit Filled Life.

We are saved by Grace and therefore
how we are Filled with the Holy Spirit
must also be by Grace. This is where we have a breakdown
as far as Christian understanding is concerned.

Therefore, just as you have received Christ Jesus, The Lord

This is the AORIST ACTIVE INDICATIVE of the verb meaning to take, to receive to oneself and is used of one receiving JESUS CHRIST as Savior.

So, the question starts right here:

How do we receive JESUS CHRIST as our Savior?

There are multitudes who claim we have to do something for God in order to be saved.

They (function) under the concept that:

**I, God, will do for you
If
You do for me
I Promise
(and they call this Grace)**

And different groups, different denominations, have a different list of what you must do for God, in order for God to do for you.

But Grace, according to Scripture, looks like this:

*I, God have done for you
All you have to do is
to receive what I have done for you. This is Faith!
And this is Grace*

But here is where so many, religious non-Christians and Christians have a real breakdown in understanding God, Grace, Faith and works.

There are 'tasks' that do not qualify as works for salvation, but do qualify as works for spirituality.

One of the most difficult things for many non-Christians and for many Christians is to just let God do it and stay out of His way and receive what God does by Faith.

Grace and Faith
means a total and complete dependence
on what God has done and what God provides.

We must understand that we were saved by Grace through Faith. You had just one little bit of Faith in JESUS CHRIST in one second and immediately you received JESUS CHRIST and 34 things; and you did not earn nor deserve or work for them in any way. It was strictly a matter of God's Grace.

And if you understand this, then you should be able to understand how you are Filled with the Holy Spirit and delivered from the power of sin. Again, here is the breakdown, so many do understand that we are saved by Grace through Faith but when it comes to recovery from sin, or Filled with the Holy Spirit or **walking in Him**, they change from Grace to works and call it Grace. Again, they would correctly argue with anyone who tries to make these works for salvation. But somehow, they are no longer works from God's perspective.

And you ought to hear the rhetoric to justify that works are now Grace. It goes something like this: now that you are believer in JESUS CHRIST more is expected of you and you can now do for Him and it is not works.

This is a great failure of understanding the status of a believer in sin. A believer in sin, that is a believer under the power of sin resembles the unbeliever. When you are under the power of sin, you are carnal, spiritually dead—temporally, yes, but never the less spiritually dead, resembling how you looked as an unbeliever. And in either condition, as an unbeliever spiritually dead or a believer spiritually dead the only thing that you can do is simply Faith.

This is the only thing that God will except from a carnal believer is Faith!!!

So, don't be deceived by the rhetoric that because you are a believer works is Grace.

Works is never Grace!

So, if one is not saved by repentance then one is not restored by repentance, if one is not saved by confession then one is not restored by confession.

Yielding verses Faith

And another little deceiving trick or distortion is the rhetoric that reasons, now that you are believer, to be Filled with the Holy Spirit all you have to do is to yield to the Holy Spirit.

I do not understand why these people are so against saying Trust or Believe.

Let us take a look at '**yielding**'.

The word means to give up something, and 'they' claim they are giving up control to the Holy Spirit.

The only problem with this is that this yielding is from the flesh nature, and is, therefore unacceptable to God.

Again, here is the breakdown in their thinking.

Most of these people understand that God is not looking for '**LOVE**' from the flesh but only **LOVE** that comes as a fruit of the Holy Spirit,

but when it comes to yielding—this is OK from the flesh.

**The only thing that is acceptable to God
is Faith,
and Faith is not yielding.**

Yielding

is where you surrender yourself,
but

Faith

is where you depend on the MEMBER OF THE GODHEAD
AS THE OBJECT OF YOUR FAITH.

But wait, they protest, '**yielding**' is in the New Testament. Yes, and you should note that the King James translates seven different Greek words '**to yield**'.

In Hebrews 12:11, it is Divine Discipline that yields peaceful fruit of righteousness.

11 **All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.**

And in Revelation 22:2 it is the Tree of life that yields its fruit.

2 **in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

Then in Matthew 27:50 a different word used for JESUS CHRIST who yields up or sends away His spirit.

50 **And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.**

Then a different word is used in Mark 4:7-8 for a seed yielding or giving its production.

7 **Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.**

8 **Other *seeds* fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.”**

Another Greek word translated ‘to yield’ is used of Sapphira breathing her last breath in Acts 5:10.

10 **And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.**

Then there is the confusing passage in Romans 6:13 where we are to ‘present’ not yield ourselves to God.

We present ourselves to God by Faith, just as we did as unbelievers.

13 **and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.**

Then in Acts 23:21 should be do not listen or be persuaded by them.

21 **So do not listen to them, for more than forty of them are lying in wait for him who have bound themselves under a curse not to eat or drink until they slay him; and now they are ready and waiting for the promise from you.”**

Then another word is used in James 3:12 with how a fig tree cannot produce olives.

2 **For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.**

So, please understand that both 'YIELD' and 'FAITH' are volitional concepts. When you **yield** you are surrendering yourself---but when you 'Faith' '**Believe**' you are receiving what God does. Yielding enslaves you, Faith sets you free!

Part of the problem is a failure of consistency in Understanding Faith. Faith must have an Object who does all the work. No one is saved by Faith... Faith cannot save, it is the Object of Faith that Saves.

And the Object for Saving Faith for the unbeliever is JESUS CHRIST.

He is the one who does all the work for salvation.

And the object of Faith for deliverance from the power of sin is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit does all the work in restoring us back to fellowship, back to walking in Christ.

The PRINCIPLE of our Salvation is Grace Ephesians 2:8-9 and it is by Grace that we are delivered from the power of sin as believers in JESUS CHRIST. Grace means you don't earn anything by anything you do! The only thing compatible with Grace is Faith. Colossians 2:6

6 **Therefore, just as you have received Christ Jesus, the Lord** literally: **the Christ, Jesus, the Lord** two definite articles, with the one being identified, **Jesus** in between.

The Christ this is a transliteration, not a translation and in the Greek means *anointing* or **The Anointed One**, The only One commissioned by God to be the Savior of all mankind.

Now identified **Jesus** this is also a transliteration, not a translation. The Greek means Savior.

Then an added title: **The Lord**

The divinely anointed One, Savior, The Lord.

Jesus is His humanity, and Lord is His Deity. You put these together, He is true humanity, undiminished Deity in One Person, The Son of God. and the only one commissioned by God to be the Savior of the world.

Some people try to make the gospel that you have to make Him Lord to be saved. First this is not taught in the WORD OF GOD. The fact is that JESUS CHRIST IS Lord, you do not make Him Lord. And He will or should become Lord of your life, but this takes time. This takes a lot of Spiritual growth in the WORD OF GOD and walking in the Holy Spirit.

I am sorry to say but there are few in the whole body of Christ that actually relate to Him as their Lord in every area of their lives.

Therefore, just as you have received The Christ Jesus, the Lord so walk in Him

There is no **so** in the original. It is placed there to help us understand the impact of **Therefore just as... so keep doing this.**

Now **walk** is PRESENT ACTIVE IMPERATIVE of the verb for walking. First thing to be aware of is that while this is PRESENT TENSE, it is in contrast with the AORIST TENSE of **have received.**

This is a once and for all occurrence Once you believe in JESUS CHRIST, you receive Him forever;

but walking—is in the present tense, this is throughout your life.

Therefore, just as setting up a model or analogy between how we were saved and how we are live in the Spirit Filled Life.

Lewis Sperry Chafer in chapter 7 of his book “*He that is Spiritual*”: titles chapter 7: **An Analogy and the Conclusion** and his use of **An Analogy** is based upon the same principle as the conjunction and adverb used by Paul in Colossians 2:6—translated **Therefore, just as**

Chapter 7: **An Analogy and the Conclusion** where

I. An Analogy

and

II. The Conclusion.

Under Analogy: “The bible treats our deliverance from the bond-servitude to sin as distinct form of salvation, and there is an analogy between this and the more familiar aspect of salvation which is from the guilt and penalty of sin”.

What Chafer is saying is that how we are saved-delivered eternally from the **penalty of sin** (ETERNAL SALVATION) is the pattern for how we are to be saved-delivered temporally from the **power of sin that is being empowered by the Holy Spirit or filled with the Holy Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18)

How we are SAVED ETERNALLY sets the pattern on how we are **saved or delivered from sin** in the Christian life.

We are saved by Grace through Faith!

We are Filled with the Holy Spirit by Grace through Faith!

How do we receive JESUS CHRIST?

We receive JESUS CHRIST –as Savior—by Grace through Faith.

It is amazing how many Christians, pastors, teachers, etc., preach, teach on being Filled with the Holy Spirit but few go on to tell you HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Then there are multitudes who are saved by Grace through Faith and even teach being saved by Grace through Faith.

but

when it comes to being Filled with the Holy Spirit they shift to works: ***yield, repent, confess, strive, ask God to fill you.***

But you can ask those who teach these things, these works of man, if you are saved by doing these things, they would strongly tell you No! That would be salvation by works. The WORD OF GOD cries '**FOUL**' there must be consistency between HOW YOU ARE SAVED and HOW YOU ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Then *Lewis Sperry Chafer* develops his **analogy**.

An analogy between HOW WE ARE SAVED eternally with how WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

How we **walk in Him...**

Chafer refers to Eternal Salvation as being Saved or Delivered from the *penalty of sin* and he refers to being saved or delivered from the *power of sin* as Spirituality or being In The Power of the Holy Spirit.

—look at Track—

Bill Bright of *Campus Crusade for Christ* understood that the Filling of the Holy Spirit is by Faith.

"We are filled with the Holy Spirit **by Faith.**"

How did you become a Christian? **By Faith.**

"It is by Grace you have been saved, **through Faith** -- and this not from yourselves, **it is the gift of God** -- not by works, so that no one can boast."

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him."

You receive Christ by Faith. You live by Faith. Everything you receive from God, from the moment of your spiritual birth until you die, is by Faith.

Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

You can be filled right now, by Faith.

You do not have to beg God to fill you with His Holy Spirit.

You do not have to barter with Him by fasting or weeping
or begging or pleading.

For a long period of time,

I fasted and cried out to God for His fullness.

Then one day I discovered from the Scriptures that the

"Just Shall Live by Faith."

You do not earn God's fullness.

You receive it by Faith."

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