## **Fully Receiving Christ**

"He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him." John 1:11, English Standard Version Colossians 2:6,7 – \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is not enough; there's more. **Step One: "Receiving" Christ** A. A Lord who asks to be received (Colossians 2:6): 1. Mark 1:17 – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them to come \_\_\_\_\_ Him. 2. Revelation 3:20 – Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on our \_\_\_\_, but it's up to us to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_. 3. John 1:11 – Jesus' own \_\_\_\_\_ didn't \_\_\_\_ Him. B. Lucas: "Receiving Christ is not the \_\_\_\_\_ but the \_\_\_\_\_." **Further Steps Required Of Christians** A. *Make Jesus your central focus:* (Colossians 2:6b,7a) 1. Colossians 2:3 - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ are in \_\_\_\_ 2. Ephesians 3:17 – If Christ \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_, we will be \_\_\_\_\_ and grounded in \_\_\_\_\_. 3. 2 Corinthians 5:14 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ \_\_\_\_ us. 4. How focus? By spending time in the \_\_\_\_\_ as well as in \_\_\_ about Christ, or watching "The \_\_\_\_\_". B. Work to be established in your faith: (Colossians 2:7) 1. Matthew 28:19,20 – Being a \_\_\_\_\_ is more than being \_\_\_\_\_; it's also being \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's teachings. 2. John 8:31 – We are \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's disciples if we \_\_\_\_\_ in His 3. Expositor's Bible Commentary: Christians "can never be \_\_\_\_\_ to the inroads of \_\_\_\_\_." C. **Abound in thanksgiving:** (Colossians 2:7) 1. Mark 14:22-24 – Even when thinking of His Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_. He looked beyond the \_\_\_\_\_. 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – We are to give \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ circumstances; it's the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ for us. 3. Giving thanks strengthens our relationship with Christ. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in this practice. Baptism is when we said "I \_\_\_\_\_" to receiving Christ as our \_\_\_\_\_. Did we \_\_\_\_\_ receive Him?

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