

1. Share about a rule you had growing up that seemed really strict, that you may or not actually follow anymore. Did it actually help you grow? Why do you think people are drawn to rules and rituals when it comes to faith?

2. Read **Colossians 2:6–23**.

a. What does it mean to be “rooted” in Christ? What does it mean to “receive Christ Jesus as Lord”? How do we continue to “live in Him”?

b. Paul uses the word thankfulness several times in Colossians. Why do you think gratitude is such an important marker of spiritual maturity?

c. What are some examples today of “hollow and deceptive philosophy” that sound spiritual but lead away from Christ? How can we stay alert and not be “taken captive”? (Counterfeit money example)

d. What does it mean that all the fullness of God dwells in Christ, and that we’ve been brought to fullness in Him? How does that truth challenge the idea that we need “something more” spiritually?

e. What does Paul mean by “circumcision not performed by human hands”? How does baptism illustrate our union with Christ in His death and resurrection?

f. How does Paul describe our condition before Christ, and what God has done through Christ? What does it mean that our “record of debt” has been canceled and nailed to the cross? How should that shape the way we view guilt, shame, or past mistakes?

g. Why do you think Paul tells them not to let others judge them over food, drink, or festivals? How do these things serve as “shadows,” and how is Christ the “reality”?

h. What do you think Paul means by “false humility” and “worship of angels”? What does it look like today to lose “connection with the Head,” who is Christ?

i. Why doesn’t strict rule-keeping or self-denial actually stop sin? What’s the difference between discipline that helps us grow and legalism that leads to pride or despair?

3. Where are you most tempted to rely on “Jesus-plus” (rules, rituals, or experiences) to feel spiritual? How do you see that that’s an empty pursuit?

4. What practices help you stay rooted in Christ daily?

5. How can you remind yourself this week that Christ is enough and you are free in Him?



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COLOSSIANS

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MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Colossians

Freedom in Christ | 2:6-23

NEXT SUNDAY

Colossians

Putting off the Old Life | 3:1-11

WORSHIP ORDER

I BELIEVE

WELCOME

GREETING

CORNERSTONE

OFFERING

COME LORD JESUS (EVEN SO COME)

MESSAGE

GREAT ARE YOU LORD

LIVING HOPE

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS – 6:00PM
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)
Kidstown (Age 4-5th Grade)

WEDNESDAYS

6:00-7:00PM
Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAYS

7:00PM
Men's Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS
LIFE Groups
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NEXT STEPS

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

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CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

PRAYER CHAIN - Please contact Marcia Peters at care@nbchurchcf.org if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to care@nbchurchcf.org or if you don't email, www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to care@nbchurchcf.org.

NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES

Available at the Children's Check-In Desk for anyone desiring to use them during service for sensory reasons.

BROTHERS IN FAITH is a group for men, **aged 18-29**, to enjoy fellowship, pray for each other, dive into scripture and strengthen their relationship with Christ! **We meet every other Saturday in the Overflow Room at 7:00pm.** For more information, contact Christian at christian91404@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

First Saturday of each month from 9am-10am in the Café. Facilitated by Cindy Worrone and Danielle Cordes.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 8, 8:00
At Northampton - Sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer.

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

Big idea: Real freedom is found in Christ alone.

Colossians 2:6–23

The freedom that we have in Christ means we are:

1. Rooted in Christ, not _____ (vv.6-7)
2. Freed from _____ (vv.8-15)
3. Freed from _____ and _____ (vv.16-23)

What's your next step to live in the reality of the freedom you have in Christ?

1. Identify the _____.
Where are you tempted to rely on rules, rituals, or spiritual fads instead of Christ? Call it out.
2. Stay _____ in Christ.
Set aside daily time this week to be in His Word and prayer, not to check a box, but to deepen your roots.
3. Live like you're _____.
Stop carrying guilt Jesus already nailed to the cross. Confess it, release it, and rest in His grace.
4. Choose _____ over _____.
Serve, obey, and love, not to earn God's favor, but because you already have it in Christ.