



FIRST BAPTIST

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Order of Service:

Welcome/Call to Worship

Christ is Risen

The Solid Rock

Before the Throne of God Above

Prayer

May the Mind of Christ

Message Pastor Kevin Ewaskow

Externally Fooled or Internally Ruled

Colossians 2:6-23

Teach Us Your Ways

Benediction

October 25th, 2020

First Baptist Church Cranbrook is a vibrant, growing community of believers, seeking to exercise each person's unique gifts, to live in authentic relationship with one another as an intergenerational community and to act on what God is calling us to do within our many neighbourhoods of life.

Colossians 2:6-23
(The Message Version)

⁶⁻⁷ My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

¹¹⁻¹⁵ Entering into this fullness is not something you figure out or achieve. It's not a matter of being circumcised or keeping a long list of laws. No, you're already in—insiders—not through some secretive initiation rite but rather through what Christ has already gone through for you, destroying the power of sin. If it's an initiation ritual you're after, you've already been through it by submitting to baptism. Going under the water was a burial of your

old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant cancelled and nailed to Christ's cross. He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ So don't put up with anyone pressuring you in details of diet, worship services, or holy days. All those things are mere shadows cast before what was to come; the substance is Christ.

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Don't tolerate people who try to run your life, ordering you to bow and scrape, insisting that you join their obsession with angels and that you seek out visions. They're a lot of hot air, that's all they are. They're completely out of touch with the source of life, Christ, who puts us together in one piece, whose very breath and blood flow through us. He is the Head and we are the body. We can grow up healthy in God only as he nourishes us.

²⁰⁻²³ So, then, if with Christ you've put all that pretentious and infantile religion behind you, why do you let yourselves be bullied by it? "Don't touch this! Don't taste that! Don't go near this!" Do you think things that are here today and gone tomorrow are worth that kind of attention? Such things sound impressive if said in a deep enough voice. They even give the illusion of being pious and humble and ascetic. But they're just another way of showing off, making yourselves look important.

Special Offering:

At thanksgiving we take up a special offering to give to somewhere in our world that is in need. This year our special offering for the next 2 weeks will be designated to CBM (Canadian Baptist ministries), one of our partner ministry organizations. Specifically, the donation will go to their emergency relief initiatives around the world. For more information visit: <https://www.cbmin.org>. You can drop off a cheque made out to FBC at the church with a notation that it is for the special CBM offering, OR you can donate directly to CBM: <https://www.cbmin.org/donateonetimegift/>
If you donate directly to CBM please let us know how much you gave so we can have a total at the end. Thank you.

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