

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

16 Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. 17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

PEI - MWD: Nature

D2: Body

Eye - I, Math - i, Body - I, Nature - I, People - I, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial		Sort of like a before-and-after ad for fitness products with testimonials: I used to be fat and lazy and had no energy, but now with SuperJesusamine, I'm lean and toned and run	

		<p>marathons! (shows off 6-pack) I'm never going back. Thanks, SuperJesusamine!</p> <p>* Nerdgasm of the week - See Nature below: The shift in cosmic powers by the death of the man Jesus is like the climax of LOTR when Sauron is focusing on Aragorn's forces at the Black Gate, when Frodo puts on the Ring in the Crack of Doom. Everything stops and all attention is turned to the small Ringbearer. When the Ring is subsequently destroyed, the "ruler" Sauron is dethroned and destroyed.</p>	
Math - Logical/Mathematical		<p>It's that greater-to-lesser argument we talked about a couple weeks ago. In this case it's something like: You belong to A, which is the greatest thing ever. They want you to submit to B, which is subject to A. This is not logical. (This is strengthened by context from Chapter 1)</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>If you have ever had pneumonia and then recovered, you get a flavor of what Paul is saying here: you were dead, but in Christ you have been made alive again.</p>	
Musical			
Natural		<p>*Scott Hoezee, Center for Excellence in Preaching, calvinseminary.edu* says the death and resurrection of Jesus</p>	

		<p>creates an actual shift in the balance of powers in the universe, so that those rulers and authorities that were vying for control were overthrown and made a spectacle, and the spiritual debt of humanity to God for spoiling God's creation was nailed to the cross and stamped "cancelled" in Jesus' blood.</p> <p>Imagine if there were a sudden change in the gravitational constant of the universe, so that everything was more attractive (as it were); or if hydrogen no longer bonded to other elements; or if one man had the power to overcome death.</p>	
People - Interpersonal		<p>"Creating" a need for a product, then offering it -- whether upgrades or scams:</p> <p>Per "<i>A Plain Account</i>" blog, Charlie Lyons-Pardue -- "The gospel doesn't need an upgrade every summer... Gospel 3, Gospel 4S, Gospel 5SL..."</p> <p>Or the <i>Music Man</i> - "Trouble... Right Here in River City"... (See also Music)</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal			<p>Invite folks to reflect on what their life would be like without belonging to Christ. What would be different? What would be the same? Do they feel like they have died with</p>

			Christ and been raised with him? If not, what do they imagine that would mean for them, and do they want to have that experience? If so, are they remembering to be thankful, as Paul instructs?
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