

Master of the Universe

(If Jesus is Lord Then...)

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Colossians 2:6-10 ESV

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⁸ *See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

⁹ *For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.*

- Who is Jesus?

“This paragraph, along with the closely related 2:8-15, is the heart of Colossians. In these two verses Paul succinctly summarizes the basic response that he wants from his readers.”

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- Have you “received” him?

- If Jesus is Master of the Universe, Then _____
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8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

- What are some current cultural values that try to take us captive?

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- our daily conduct should reflect His character
- be growing in Him
- refuse to follow all cultural values that are against him

For Further Reflection and Thought:

1. Re-read and reflect on Colossians 1:15-20, :25-27, and 2:9
How does this understanding of Jesus as Lord/Master of the Universe affect the way you trust and relate to Him in your daily life?"
2. The passage begins with the encouragement to walk in Christ just as you received Him. Discuss what 'receiving Christ' meant for you personally. How does this initial act of faith influence your ongoing walk with Him?
3. Paul emphasizes being 'rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, abounding in thanksgiving' (Colossians 2:7). Can you share a specific example from your life where deepening your roots in Christ led to an increase in gratitude? Can you share how you are growing (building) in Christ-likeness?
4. Colossians 2:8 warns against being taken captive by philosophy and empty deceit. What are some modern philosophies or cultural trends that challenge Christian beliefs? How do you maintain your faith and critical thinking against such influences?

These questions aim to deepen the understanding of key aspects of the scripture—Christ's deity, our response to His lordship, personal growth in faith, and the challenge of contemporary ideologies. They are designed to encourage personal reflection and communal discussion, helping group members to apply these biblical principles in their lives.