

- **What Can We Do In Christ? - Part 2**  
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- **Read the Passages: Colossians 1-2**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand what we can do in Christ.
- Understand the real nature of church life.
- Remember what God's up to: changing the world.
- Be a reconciler!

▼ **Understand what we can do in Christ.**

▼ Live a life worthy of the Lord (Colossians 1:10-12):

▼ Please the Lord in every way.

- We can know the mystery of God's will. - Ephesians 1:9

▼ Bear fruit in every good work.

- Good works. - Ephesians 2:10

▼ Grow in the knowledge of God.

- Put it into practice! Matthew 7:24-27

▼ Be strengthened with all power.

- Approach God with freedom and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Ephesians 3:12
- We can live rooted and built up in Christ Jesus, strengthened in the faith, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:7)
- Joyfully give thanks to the Father.

▼ **Understand the real nature of church life.**

- Parable of the Weeds - Matthew 13:24-30
- ▼ "Church people" has always included, currently includes and, until Jesus comes back, will include:
  - People who are hypocrites rather than actual followers of Jesus,
  - Christians who are not committed to spiritual growth,
  - Christians who are becoming mature,

- Christians who are mature.
- Don't give your pearls to pigs! - Matthew 7:1-6
- Don't just CALL him Lord! - Matthew 7:21-23
- ▼ **Remember what God's up to: changing the world.**
  - We're "in" on God's plan. - Ephesians 1:9-10
  - ▼ Reconciling everything to himself. - Colossians 1:19-20
    - God has reconciled you.
    - God wants to reconcile the people you know!
- ▼ **Be a reconciler!**
  - Creation Is Waiting - Romans 8:18-27
  - Who in your circle needs to be reconciled to God?
  - ▼ The Five Thresholds:
    - Trust
    - Curiosity
    - Open To Change
    - Seeking
    - Following Jesus
  - ▼ Next Steps
    - Think about 1 - 3 people in your world who need to be reconciled to God.
    - Share / Pray
    - Brainstorm