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Colossians 1:13-23

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Because Christ alone was not sufficient for salvation, they added to the gospel human philosophy, the traditions of men, and worldly thinking.

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Remember when you received the Lord Jesus.

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Remember your humility in confessing your sins?

Remember your joy of salvation?

And remember your gratitude for His grace?

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“Remember Christ!”

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And what can we do about it?

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So what am I to do?

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Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you are disqualified.

2 Corinthians 13:5

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