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"Before and After"
Colossians 2:6-15

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Christians have every reason to be overflowing with thankfulness!

1. Live in light of his Lordship. (6,7)
 - a. You have been rooted, built up, and strengthened. (7)
 - b. Continue to be thankful. (7)

*"Those who lack a deep sense of thankfulness to God are especially vulnerable to doubt and spiritual delusion."
(Expositors Bible Commentary)*

Contemporary relevance

1. How would you grade your Spirit of Thankfulness? How would your family, co-workers, spouse, friends?
 2. What limits your thankfulness?
2. Don't be deceived by devils. (8-12)
 - a. You have a sufficient faith. (9,10)
 - b. You are not bound to a sin nature. (11,12)
3. Remember your before and after.
 - a. Before: we were dead in sin.
 - b. After: God made us alive.
 - c. Before: we had an unpayable debt.
 - d. After: God has forgiven our sin.

Cell Group Questions...

1. Do you think thankfulness is important? Why or why not?
2. How often do you feel thankful about your position in Christ and all that he has done for you?
3. What keeps you from "overflowing" with thankfulness?
What helps you "overflow" with thankfulness?
4. Do you agree with the quote from the "*Expositors Bible Commentary*" above?