

Whatever You Believe
Colossians 1:1-23

Series Introduction

- Series title: "Whatever You Do" Not "Whatever you **feel like** doing"
- Our culture prefers the **buffet** approach - pick and choose what appeals to you
- Colossians 3:17: "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus"

1. Jesus CREATED everything - so SURRENDER everything (1:15-17)

- Jesus is the **foundation** of all creation
- All things created **through** Him and **for** Him
- You can't **compartmentalize** Him

2. Jesus RESCUED you - so RELY ON HIM fully (1:13-14)

- "Rescued" = pulling someone from a **burning** building or saving a **drowning** person
- Culture treats gospel as a **self-improvement** plan, instead of rescue mission.
- Jesus didn't come to make bad people **good** - He came to make **dead** people **alive**

3. Jesus DEFINES you - so LIVE SECURE in Him (1:21-22)

- Your fundamental **identity** has changed because of Jesus
- You're not a sinner trying to be **better**
- You're a **saint** learning to live like who you already are

4. Jesus HOLDS it all together - so HOLD TIGHT to Him (1:23)

- Move: to **drift**
- Drift = treating Jesus like **renovation** instead of foundation
- Like spiritual **tech support** instead of operating system

Personal Challenge:

Pick an area where you've been treating Jesus like decoration instead of foundation.

Diagnostic Questions:

1. What keeps you **awake** at night? (reveals what you're really trusting)
2. What would be **hardest** to give up if Jesus asked? (reveals where you're in control)
3. What area do you rarely **pray** about? (reveals where you think you've "got it handled")
4. What do you **complain** about most? (reveals where you're not trusting God's sovereignty)
5. What do you **defend** when people challenge it? (reveals where your identity is rooted)

Bottom Line:

When Jesus is the **foundation** of whatever you believe, then whatever you do becomes an act of **worship**.