



# TRENDY CULTURAL CLAIMS: LIVE YOUR TRUTH + BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

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Christ in Many Ways  
to Many People

The religious scene of Colossae was a “Build-A-Bear” theological place.

Claim #1: Live Your Truth.

Jesus does not claim to preach truth; Jesus is the Truth.

1 John 5:20 ESV – And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

### **Three Main Reasons Why Jesus Is The Truth:**

#### **1) Jesus Is First.**

Colossians 1:15-18 NIV

Hear Who Jesus Is To You < Hear Who Jesus Is To Everything

He created all things. God is Creator. Humans are sub-creators.

He holds all things together (Sustainer).

He is the Head.

#### **2) Jesus’ Fruit.**

Colossians 1:6 NIV – that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.

Truth PRODUCES fruit.

#### **3) Jesus Forever Changed My Life.**

Colossians 1:21-22 NIV

Many people believe in Jesus; He wants us to believe on Him.

Claim #2: Believe In Yourself.

- 1980’s: “self esteem” movement
- 1990’s: “self-made” movement
- 2000’s: “self-help” movement
- 2010’s: “self-confidence” movement
- 2020’s: “self-love” movement

It’s all humanistic “self-worship.” However, you’re created to worship Someone other than “self.” He is Jesus.

Colossians 2:6 NIV – So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

#### **1) Without Christ, You Would Have To Save Yourself.**

Self can’t be the solution if self is the problem.

Colossians 2:13-14 NIV – When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Why is Paul writing to a group of believers about something they already know?

Isaiah 1:11-13 NIV

#### **2) Without Christ, You Would Have To Protect Yourself.**

1 Peter 5:8 NLT – Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Colossians 2:14-15 NIV

#### **3) Without Christ, You Would Have To Change Yourself.**

Colossians 3:16 NLT – Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),  
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),  
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS, GO (OUTREACH))**

**GATHER**

**SUNDAYS IN AUGUST - 9A + 11A - TRUTH OVER TREND**

Trends, beliefs, and ideas come and go, and everyone – both those inside and outside the church – is influenced by them. As disciples of Jesus, we should look to the Scriptures, not culture, for direction and purpose. This series will explore how God instructs us to be set-apart nonconformists, transformed by Him while at the same time engaging our culture and cities with the hope of the gospel. We commit to believing the TRUTH over TREND.

**GROUP**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - FALL 2023 CONNECT GROUPS**

Connect Groups are off for the summer, but will be meeting again for a new session all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

**GROW**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 - 6P - 9:30P - SATURDAY AUGUST 12 -  
8:30P - 5:30P - GENERATIONS RETREAT**

At Dwelling Place Church, we want to facilitate a reconciliation of the generations by offering you the opportunity to participate in an intergenerational retreat (middle school-senior adults). The cost is \$10 per person with snacks and lunch provided. Find out more information at the Next Steps table and register to join us for this incredible weekend!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 7P - 9P - LAUNCH OF OUR FALL  
SEMESTER OF GROWTH PHASES**

Sign up now to join us for our next session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in your life this session!

**GIVE**

**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GIVE VIA TEXT?**

Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text!

**GO**

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO  
SERVE OUR CITY IN THE COMING WEEKS!**



If you have questions, please stop by the Next Steps table in the foyer, or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at [dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com](mailto:dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com)