

What does it mean to 'receive Christ'?

Receiving Jesus Christ involves:

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- 2. Believing in Jesus as God's promised Messiah $-1:4,\!6$
- 3. Repenting and turning from our sins $-1\!:\!21\!-\!22\!;\!2:\!20,\,3:\!5$
- 4. Being baptized into Jesus Christ 2:12-13
- 5. Continuing in the faith -1:23

1. The Colossians <u>heard</u> the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Chapter 1:5, 23
- Romans 10:17

- 2. The Colossians <u>believed</u> in Jesus Christ.
 - Chapter 1:4, 6

3. The Colossians <u>repented</u> of their sins.

• Chapter 1:21-22, 2:20, 3:5-10

4. The Colossians had been <u>baptized</u> into Christ.

• Chapter 2:12-13

5. The Colossians had been instructed to continue in the faith.

• Chapter 1:23

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