

# **Wheel Illustration**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The Wheel Illustration is a tool the Navigators use to illustrate the Christ centered obedient life.
- B. The Wheel includes the basics of the Christian life.

## II. The hub: Christ.

- A. A hub must be at the absolute center of the wheel in order for it to function.
  - 1. Christ must be the center of the Christian's life. (Romans 14:9; 2 Corinthians 5:14)
  - 2. Basically in our lives we want Christ to be Lord.
  - 3. The Lordship of Christ must be lived out day by day through obedience. (Luke 6; Psalm 119:4)
- B. A hub is a point of power.
  - 1. Jesus is the source of our power. (John 15:5; Philippians 4:13)
  - 2. We cannot live our lives in our own strength. (2 Corinthians 12)
- C. A hub bears the weight.
  - 1. Jesus bears the weight of our Christian life. (Romans 14:17; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6-7)
  - 2. We cannot have Christ as Lord unless we have committed our cares to him.

## III. The rim: you and me in action.

- A. We are positionally "in Christ," while the wheel represents our experience. (2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 1:30)
  - 1. All Christians are "in Christ" positionally. (Ephesians 1:3)
  - 2. Christians must draw from the inheritance that has been left to them. (Ephesians 1:16-19; 3:14-19)
  - 3. The Spirit reveals what God has given to us in Jesus. (John 16:14; 1 Corinthians 2:9-12)

IV. The spokes.

A. The Word of God. The Spirit makes the Word of God come alive. (2 Peter 1:3-4; Psalm 119:18)

B. Prayer for comprehension and appropriation of grace. (Ephesians 1; 3; Hebrews 4:15-16)

C. Fellowship that makes the body aware of the riches we have in Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12)

D. Witnessing that helps us experience the power of Christ. (Matthew 28)

**Application questions:**

1. What does it mean that Christ is the hub of the Christian life?

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2. How would you distinguish being positionally “in Christ” and experientially “in Christ”?

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3. Which spoke do you need to work on the most in order to bring your life into order under Christ? What is your plan for growth?

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