

Jesus + Nothing = Everything
Colossians 2

Colossians 2:6-15 (HCSB)

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Neil Anderson –

“The essence of victorious Christian Living is believing what is already true about you.”

I. Be Cautious about Unbiblical Teaching

Verse 8 (HCSB)

Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ.

- It is Human

Verse 3 (TLV)

“In Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.”

- It is Hollow
- It is Harmful



II. Because Jesus is Everything, We are Complete in Him.

Verse 10 (NASB)

"...in Him you have been made complete."

Verse 10 (WET)

"And you are in him, having been completely filled full; with the present result that you are in a state of fullness."

Verse 10 (AMP)

"And you are in Him made full, and have come to fullness of life in Christ. You too are filled with the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

2 Peter 1:3 (HCSB)

"For His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

III. His Sufficiency is our Great Blessing

- We Are Energized to Serve Christ

Verse 11-13b

"In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of the Messiah. Having been buried with Him in baptism, you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive with Him..."

Romans 6:11 (NIV)

"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus."

- We Are Forgiven of All Our Sins

Verse 13c-14 (HCSB)

"... and forgave us all our trespasses. He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross."

- We are Assured of Victory over Satan

Verse 15 (HCSB)

"He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; He triumphed over them by Him."

Hebrews 2:14 -15 (NASB)

"that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."

2 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB)

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ."

