



Colossians

series

Christ in you, the
hope of glory



**CHRIST IS
ENOUGH**

COLOSSIAN 2: 8-12

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Recap – Deep Rooted

Colossians 2:1-7 MSG

- Being deep rooted in Christ
- Writer/Gardener/Builder
- The roots will produce fruit in its due season
- Background to the text

CULTURAL ISSUES

- **Polytheism** The worship of multiple deities
- **Gnosticism** - A perfect God could not have direct contact with an inherently evil world so had to do so through angelic beings
- **Local Mystical Cults** – worship of mystical spirits, angels
- **Legalism (Jewish Traditions)** – Circumcision, dietary laws

The Warning

Colossians 2:8 ESV

⁸ 'See to it that no one takes you *captive* by *philosophy* and *empty deceit*, according to *human tradition*, according to the *elemental spirits of the world*, and *not according to Christ*.'

THE
WARNING

Don't let anyone try and trap you with 'secular wisdom' and 'intellectual chit-chat' which on the surface 'sounds deep' and appears 'revolutionary' but trust me they are all full of 'gas and air'.

THE WARNING

Worst still, the basis of their 'so-called' wisdom and intellectual chit-chat is stooped in human tradition, superstition and other demonic spirits that is in no-way compatible with your Christian faith.

THE FALL OF MANKIND

(Genesis 3:6 - NLT)

- ⁵ “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”
- ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. (there are philosophies out there that will take you away from the presence of God. They sounds deep, look good)

CONCERN

- The lies of the enemy does not discriminate!
- Many people old, young, new converts to bishops have fallen prey to false doctrine

Christ is Enough

Colossians 2:9 ESV

- ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

The Deity of Christ (Colossians 2:9)

- Jesus is *full* and *literal manifestation* of the living God (Colossians 1:15, 19)
- Jesus is *not* 'God-Like' or only possess certain aspects of God's nature. *He is actually God himself!* (Gnostics/Jews belief)
- Jesus is sovereign and has complete power over all rule and authority

CHRIST IS
ENOUGH

JESUS + (NOTHING) = EVERYTHING

The Deity of Christ (Colossian 2:10)

- When you have Christ you have everything you need to live a complete and spirit-filled life.
- You no longer need to keep searching for 'new', 'hidden' or 'deeper' truths as Jesus is 'the truth' (John 14:6)
- Where the search for truth ends, the process of being deep-rooted in your faith begins.

Christ is Enough

Colossians 2:9 ESV

- ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Legalism
Uncovered
(Colossian 2:11-12)

- Meritocracy – ‘measuring up in order to achieve acceptance by God’
- This then implies that Christ is not sufficient to save and needs the addition of our own efforts for salvation
- Paul wanted to demonstrate that Christ had done all that needed to be done for us to be saved!

Circumcision (Colossian 2:11)

- We are no longer made justified by the Law but through by Faith in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:23-29)
- Circumcision of the heart not the foreskin (Jeremiah 4:4)
- The 'outward appearance' was pointless without an inward reality

Baptism

(Colossian 2:12)

- Paul reminds them of ritual that they have undertaken in baptism
- Symbolic of Christ's death and resurrection
- *Dead to sin / Alive in Christ*
- We now have the victory in Christ who conquered sin and death.

MODERN
DAY
CONCERNS

WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR
US AS A CHURCH TODAY?

MICAH
VISION
STATEMENT

We are passionate about developing a *vibrant, diverse, multigenerational church* that is continually growing

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Culture / Traditions (ancestral worship, mysticism)

Legalism (Baptism/Sabbath/dietary)

New Age Philosophies (star signs/'spiritual energy'/We are all gods)

Freemasonry / Occultism

False Doctrines – Prosperity Gospel / Law of attraction/Gospel of 'self'

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- This is a spiritual battle (Prayer/Word)
- Holding every thought captive
- Living Sacrifices

WAGING WAR

(2Corinthians 10:4-5)

⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

EVERY
THOUGHT
CAPTIVE
(2Corinthians 10:4-5)

⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. (those who might have lost their way)

Worship as a Lifestyle

(Romans 12:1-2)

And so, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.^[b] ² Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

HOLD
EVERY
THOUGHT
CAPTIVE
(2Corinthians 10:5)

⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

- That our hearts and minds will always be receptive to hear God's truth
- We pray against the plan of the enemy that seeks to confuse the minds of people and distort God's truth
- We pray for those who have lost their way and others who might feel disillusioned with the faith.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!