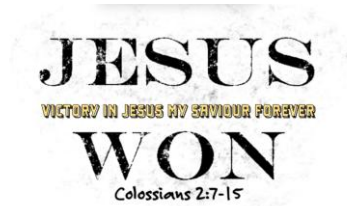


Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: Colossians 2:8-15 – *don't be fooled, we have a glorious victory in Christ!*

Today's Message:

"Victory in Jesus"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned how Jesus Christ is the anchor for our souls. God's plan for the Christian life is for us to be rooted and planted in Christ, established in the faith abounding therein with thanksgiving. We do not grow beyond Christ – He is the starting point, the pathway, and the destination! Today, we will get a warning and a blessing. You must beware; there is a clear and present danger you must be guarded against. However, there is good news, Christian. You win! This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Colossians 2:7-15

A. The Spoiler Alert – the Christian is warned of a clear and present danger!

- The Christians were under attack from false teachers seeking to **SPOIL** them.

- Colossians 2:8** – **Beware** lest any MAN SPOIL YOU through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**BEWARE
OF MEN**

1 Corinth 1:19-23

For it is written,
I will destroy
the wisdom
of the wise...
Hath not God made
foolish **the wisdom
of this world?**

2:9 – For in him dwelleth **ALL THE FULNESS** of the Godhead bodily.

2:10 – And ye are COMPLETE in him, which is THE HEAD of all...

Important Note

Christ is supremely God;
He is all-powerful, all-
knowing, and all-present!
We lack NOTHING in Him!

"Beware" Be aware; to guard one's self from any thing dangerous, injurious or improper.

"Spoil you" To plunder; to ruin or destroy (e.g. crops by insects); to corrupt or decay.

"Philosophy and vain deceit" The love of human wisdom; reasoning void of truth (lies).

"Tradition of men" Religion without Christ; rituals; *"We have always done it this way."* (Mk 7)

"Rudiments of the world" Christless ways; elemental principles; *"This is how we do things."*

"Not after Christ" It is fundamentally flawed; an evil substitute for Christ and His wisdom.

Comparing Scriptures

- Matthew 10:17** – But BEWARE of **MEN**: for they will deliver you up to the councils...
- Matthew 7:15** – BEWARE of **FALSE PROPHETS**, which come to you in sheep's clothing...
- Philippians 3:2** – BEWARE of **dogs**, BEWARE of **evil workers**, BEWARE of **the concision**.

Key Truth

- Any religious system – no matter how moral it seems, intelligent it sounds, or religious it appears – that is not centered on the Lord Jesus Christ is deception.

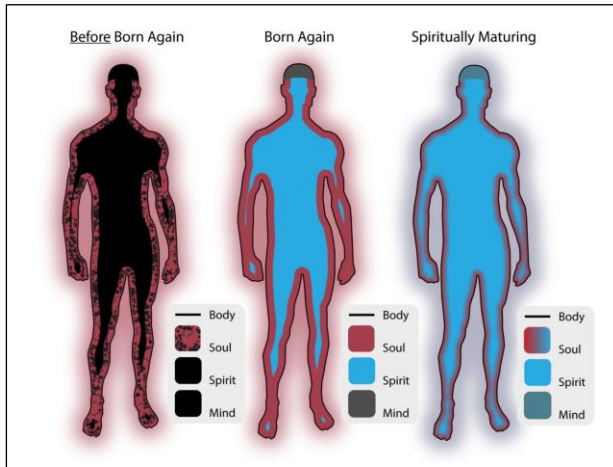
Important Note

Traditions must be
biblical; we honor
godly heritage that
finds its truth in the
word of God not in
the mind of a man.

Discernment is a Christian duty; do not blindly accept teaching because it sounds good, prove it with the Bible! Filter all influences – books, teachers, social media, trusted advisors – through this test ... does it bring me closer to Jesus Christ or away from Him?

B. The Operation of God – the Christian is a new creature in Jesus Christ!

2. Paul chose to teach the believers what **REALLY** happened the day of their salvation!



- **Colossians 2:11** – In whom also ye are **CIRCUMCISED**... by the circumcision of Christ:

2:12 – **BURIED** with him in baptism... **RISEN** with him... through the faith of the operation of God...

2:13 – And you...hath he **QUICKENED** together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

2:14 – **BLOTTING OUT** ... handwriting of ordinances... took it out of the way ... nailing it to HIS CROSS;

“Circumcision of Christ” This is not PHYSICAL circumcision... it is the **spiritual** operation of God!

“Buried WITH HIM in baptism” This is not WATER baptism... it is the **spiritual** operation of God!

“Risen WITH HIM” This is not coming out of WATER baptism... it is the **spiritual** operation of God!

“Dead in your sins” Spiritually dead | **“Quickened together WITH HIM”** Made alive! Born again!

“Having forgiven you ALL trespasses” All trespasses and sins past, present, future are **INSTANTLY** forgiven!

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances” A cancellation of all OUR debt/condemnation against God.

“Took it out of the way, NAILING IT to HIS CROSS” A public annulment of ALL crimes and related penalty!

Comparing Scriptures

John 19:30 – *It is finished. (Paid in full!)*

Important Note

God receives sons and daughters as they come out of the tomb. His resurrection is our justification! (Romans 4:25)

- **Acts 1:5** – For John truly baptized with water; but **YE shall be baptized WITH the Holy Ghost**...
- **Acts 11:15-16** – ... the Holy Ghost fell on them... **YE shall be baptized WITH the Holy Ghost**.
- **Romans 6:4** – Therefore **WE ARE BURIED WITH HIM by baptism into death** ...
- **Romans 6:5** – For if **WE HAVE BEEN PLANTED TOGETHER** in the likeness of his death...

Key Truth: The moment you trusted Christ, God literally **TRANSFORMED** you forever!!!

C. The Glorious Victory – the Christian has total and complete victory in Christ!

3. Jesus Christ **WON**! He spoiled evil spiritual powers and victoriously insulted them!

- **Colossians 2:15** – ...having **SPOILED** principalities... **TRIUMPHING OVER** them in it.

“Spoiled” To plunder or destroy | **“Made a shew of them”** To make to see; to prove by evidence.

“Openly” Exposed | **“Triumphing over them in it”** Rejoicing for victory; insulting on an advantage

Important Note

Psalm 68 is a VICTORY PSALM – celebrating God’s triumph as a conquering king who subdues His enemies and takes His rightful throne.

Comparing Scriptures

It is a complete reversal of power – the Conqueror now parades the defeated as conquered foes.

- **Psalm 68:18; Eph 4:8** – ... **LED captivity CAPTIVE**...
- **Hebrews 2:14** – ... that through death **he might destroy him** that had the power of death...
- **Genesis 3:15** – ... it shall **BRUISE THY HEAD**, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Key Truth: Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is the victory! If you have Christ, you **WIN**!

Jesus Christ has conquered sin, death, hell, and Satan!
He has liberated mankind and transformed the captives into conquerors.
As for us... we are complete in Him! He is all we will ever need! Amen.
Beware lest any man or Satan spoil you of such glorious riches in Christ!