

COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is our all in all! He is all we need.**1. The Preeminence of Jesus Christ is DEFENDED. (continued) Colossians 2:8-12**

- Verse 8

1. BEWARE

Genesis 24:6 (1st mention)
Deuteronomy 6:12
Matthew 7:15
Matthew 10:17
Matthew 16:6, 11, 12
Mark 12:38 (Lk 20:46)
Luke 12:1
Luke 12:15
Philippians 3:2
2 Peter 3:17

“beware...BRING not my son thither again” (Egypt)
“beware lest thou FORGET the LORD”
“beware of FALSE PROPHETS”
“beware of MEN”
“beware of the LEAVEN of Pharisees” (doctrine)
“beware of the SCRIBES” (appearance of religion)
“beware of the LEAVEN of Pharisees” (hypocrisy)
“beware of COVETOUSNESS”
“beware of DOGS, evil WORKERS, the concision”
“beware lest YE also, being LED AWAY with the ERROR of the wicked”

2. lest any man SPOIL YOU

Genesis 49:27 (1st mention)
Song of Solomon 2:15
Colossians 2:8

“in the morning he shall DEVOUR the prey”
“the little foxes, that SPOIL THE VINES”
“LET no MAN BEGUILE you”

3. through PHILOSOPHY

Romans 1:21, 22
1 Corinthians 1:19-23
2 Corinthians 10:5

1 Timothy 6:20
2 Timothy 3:13

“PROFESSING themselves to be wise, they became fools.”
“hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this WORLD”
“Casting down imaginations, and EVERY high thing that exalteth itself AGAINST the knowledge of God”
“O Timothy, KEEP that which is committed to thy trust”
“But evil men and SEDUCERS shall wax WORSE and worse, DECEIVING, and being deceived.”

4. and VAIN DECEIT,

Romans 16:18
Ephesians 5:6
1 Peter 1:18

“by GOOD WORDS and FAIR SPEECHES deceive”
“Let no man deceive you with VAIN WORDS”
“your vain conversation RECEIVED from your fathers”

5. after the TRADITION OF MEN,

Mark 7:3
Mark 7:7
Mark 7:8
Mark 7:9

Mark 7:13

“HOLDING the TRADITION of the elders”
teaching for DOCTRINES the commandments of men”
“For LAYING ASIDE the commandment of God”
“Full well ye REJECT the commandment of God, that ye may KEEP your own TRADITION”
“Making the word of God of NONE EFFECT through your tradition”

6. after the RUDIMENTS of the world,

Galatians 4:3, 9
Ephesians 2:2

*“were in bondage under the ELEMENTS of the world”
“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the COURSE of this world”*

Colossians 2:20

“from the RUDIMENTS of the world”

7. and NOT after Christ

Ephesians 4:20

“But YE have not so LEARNED Christ;”

- Verse 9 For IN HIM dwelleth ALL the FULNESS of the Godhead BODILY.

John 1:14
John 1:16
1 Timothy 3:16

*“And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us”
“And of HIS FULNESS have all we RECEIVED”
“And without controversy GREAT is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the FLESH”*

- Verse 10 And ye are COMPLETE IN HIM, which is the HEAD of all principality and power

Galatians 3:26-29

“For ye are all the children of God BY FAITH in Christ Jesus”

Colossians 1:18
Hebrews 5:9

*“that in ALL things he might have the preeminence”
“And being made PERFECT, he became the author of eternal salvation”*

- Verse 11 IN WHOM also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without HANDS

Deuteronomy 30:6
Philippians 3:3

*“And the LORD God will circumcise thine HEART”
“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the SPIRIT, and rejoice in Christ Jesus”*

- Verse 12 Buried with him in BAPTISM, wherein also ye are RISEN with Him

Romans 6:5

“For IF we have been planted together in the LIKENESS of his death, we SHALL BE also in the LIKENESS of his RESURRECTION”

Romans 6:8

“Now IF we be dead with Christ, we believe that we SHALL ALSO LIVE with him”

1 Corinthians 12:13
Titus 3:5, 6

*“For by one SPIRIT are we all baptized into one body”
“according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the HOLY GHOST”*

PRACTICAL: Jesus Christ is ALL we need. The Word of God MUST be our final authority in all matters of life. We do what we do because the Bible says.

Take time this week to evaluate all your traditions and areas of your life through the Bible. Be ready and willing to change what you believe if it goes contrary to what the Bible clearly says.