

## Is Jesus Enough?

Even at Christmas, we can find ourselves focusing less on Jesus Himself and more on the distractions our world adds to a celebration that really is all about Him. Before long, Jesus is no longer the center—He's just one part of a very crowded season.

Have you ever had a Christmas where, in your heart and mind, Jesus was simply lumped in with everything else?

In Colossians chapter 2, the apostle Paul writes to Christians in his day who were being bombarded with spiritual distractions.

He tells them in verse 1, “*I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you.*” Why was Paul so concerned? Because there were false teachers who talked about Jesus—but their teaching did not honor Jesus. It was a distraction from Him. In fact, it competed against Him.

In their confusing teaching, they claimed that Jesus was **not enough**.

To really be right with God, they said you needed more than Jesus.

To really have wisdom and spiritual depth, they said,

Jesus was not sufficient.

To really arrive, you need more than Jesus.

So they added to Him. They sprinkled in human philosophy. They promoted religious rule-keeping. They emphasized spiritual experiences, making others feel like they were missing out.

Their teaching became so complicated—so layered—so confusing—that Jesus was no longer the center. He was simply lumped into a maze of religious spirituality.

And on the outside, it all looked good. But on the inside, their teaching was dangerous—because it all led to one conclusion: Jesus alone is not enough.

So in Colossians chapter 2, Paul brings us back to one simple truth:

**JESUS IS ENOUGH.**

Paul essentially says, “*Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise.*”

Why is Jesus enough? In this chapter, Paul gives us **three reasons** why.

**Reason #1: Jesus is Enough Because of Who He Is (Colossians 2:1–10)**

When God spoke to Moses, He called Himself "**I AM.**" **That means** He is self-existent.

No one created Him. He depends on no one. He is the first cause of everything.

And did you know? **Jesus claimed that very name.** He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." **Jesus is God.**

So, here is the question: **If you have Jesus, what are you lacking?** The answer is simple: Nothing.

*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.*

**If you have Jesus, you have everything, because Jesus is everything.**

**Reason #2 — Jesus is Enough Because of What He's Done (Colossians 2:11–15)**

In verses 11 through 15, Paul explains that everything required to make us right before a Holy God has been fully accomplished by Jesus, in His death on the cross, burial in a tomb, and resurrection to life.

1. Jesus gives the believer a new heart (circumcision made without hands).

2. Jesus buries the believer's old life.
3. Jesus resurrects the believer to new life.
4. Jesus makes the believer alive.
5. Jesus forgives ALL the believer's sins.
6. Jesus cancels the believer's record of debt.
7. Jesus removes the Law's condemnation on the believers.
8. Jesus disarms the believers' enemies.

**What a list! This is what Jesus has done for you, if you have believed in Him. So the question is: What is lacking?** The answer: Nothing.

Jesus is enough because He has done everything your soul needs.

### **Reason #3 — Jesus is Enough Because of How He Helps Us (Colossians 2:16–23)**

Christians are a work in progress. We call this "Progressive Sanctification."

1. **The Penalty of Sin:** The moment you believe, God sets apart from the penalty of sin. No more condemnation. No more hell. Your penalty is gone.
2. **The Power of Sin:** As we grow in Christ, God sets us apart from the power of sin. Sin no longer

dominates us. We have strength over our flesh. Then, finally,

**3. The Presence of Sin:** One day, when we enter heaven, we will be set apart from the very presence of sin. Our sinful nature will be gone forever.

Today, we are in step 2, and we all know the struggle. Paul describes it in Galatians 5 as a war inside of us—the Spirit versus the flesh. The question is: **How do we win?**

The world, with all its philosophies and religions, will offer you three "plausible arguments", but Paul dismantles each of them.

**First: Religious Rituals (legalism)**

**Second: Extreme Self-Denial (asceticism)**

**Third: Spiritual Experiences (mysticism)**

Paul dismantles legalism, asceticism, and mysticism. But the question is still left: How do we overcome our sinful flesh? **Jesus.** Jesus is our help in time of need. Not self-discipline, but **total dependence on Him. He said, " Apart from me, you can do nothing." But with Christ, there is strength. His Spirit living in**

**you can help you. You cannot be cleaned up from the outside in; it's a matter of the heart, and when Christ enters your heart by faith, He begins a work from the inside out.**