

Colossians



At the Center of it All

“Christ is
More than Enough”

Colossians 2

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and
established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

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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. 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.

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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.

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13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

More than Enough

Outline

1. The Source (v6 - 10)
2. The Sign (v11 - v12)
3. The Savior (v13 - v15)

The Source

V7 “Therefore, as you received **Christ** Jesus the **Lord**,
so walk in him””

Christ = Chosen by God to save the world

Lord = Sovereign ruler who is worthy to be followed and
obeyed

The Source

V7 “**Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**”

Rooted = Source of Life

Built up and Established = Center your life around the Source

Abounding in Thanksgiving = Our response to experiencing the Source

Enslaved to other Sources

V8 *“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.”*

Captive / They enslave you

Empty (vain) deceit / They sound good, but are lies

Human Tradition / They resonate with the sinful human heart

Elemental spirits / They are the ABCs or building blocks of society

The Source

*V8 “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.**”*

CHRIST is the standard of all philosophies

The Source

V9 For in him (Christ), the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

Christ is God...so He is THE inexhaustible and infinite Source

The Source

V10 “and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.”

IF you are UNITED TO CHRIST, you HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH!...Because HE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

The (old) Sign

V11 “In him also you were circumcised with circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

Circumcision = The Jewish sign that says “our unholiness is cut off, so we can be united with the holy God”

The Savior

V13 “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh”

We are Spiritually Dead.

WHY?

Because we looked to other sources other than God, the infinite source, which trespasses God's law.

The Savior

V13 “ God has made us alive together with Him (Christ).”

God raised Spiritually dead people to life through Jesus.

HOW?...

The Savior

V13 “Having forgiven us all our trespasses”

He forgave our pursuit of other sources

How did he forgive us?....

The Savior

V14 “By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.”

He forgave us by canceling (WIPING AWAY) the record of all the wrong we have done.

How did he wipe away all our wrong?

The Savior

V14 “By canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.”

He forgave us by canceling (WIPING AWAY) the accumulation of wrong we have done or ever would do!

How did he wipe away all our wrong?

The Savior

V14 “He set aside nailing it to the cross”

Our record of debt...our long list of wrongdoing is WIPED
AWAY BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.

The Savior

V15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him (IT...the Cross.)

You can say to the lies of this world...

“I wasn’t enough...until Jesus, who is more than enough, paid for my sins. Now I am united to Him.

He is more than enough for me, and I have all the acceptance, security and significance in Him!”

The (new) Sign

V12 “having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised...”

Baptism = The Christian sign that says “our unholiness was buried with Christ in his death, and we are raised with Him to be with God.

The (new) Sign

V12 "...you were raised with Him through faith through the powerful working of God."

We are UNITED to God BY FAITH...NOT Baptism.

Baptism is an outward sign of of an inward reality.

Reflection Questions

- 1 What is your source of acceptance, security, and significance?
- 2 If Christ is your source, have you signaled that through baptism?
- 3 What community of believers is helping you fight lies and remember Christ is enough?