



Series: Life With Jesus – Week 4

Sermon Title: *Christ Alone*

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Colossians 2:1-10

Big Idea: Christ is the sufficient foundation and Lord.

Let's break this down into 3 component truths.

Truth #1. Christ is sufficient

In Christ, you have all of what you need. You know a mystery that is no longer a secret to you, namely Christ, the One who created and holds it all together (**Colossians 1:17**). Walk with Jesus, and you will walk with the One... **in whom are hidden [deposited] all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:3 NIV)**

Jesus Christ is the “mother lode” of wisdom and knowledge. If you know Jesus, you are rich beyond measure.

Truth #2: Christ is our firm foundation

Colossians 2:4–5

“Fine-sounding arguments” refer to the ability of silver-tongued speakers to make a lie sound lovely. Be careful who you listen to.

“Rooted and built up in him” is a clear image of stable immovability (**Colossians 2:6**). How do we become deeply rooted? There is no substitute for daily Bible reading, study, memorization, and meditation.

Paul writes in **Colossians 2:8** of traditions that depend on the “elemental spiritual forces.” They are spiritual powers... demonic entities. Much of our culture today is captive to elemental spirits. **1 Timothy 4:1**

Anything counter to God's Word is a lie with a demonic source.

If you read God's Word consistently every day, you WILL pray. It will drive you to prayer as the Living Word excavates the deep and hidden things of your soul. It will shape you and make you a person of prayer. Remain rooted in His Word, and you will not neglect prayer. Grip His Word you will remain free from the grip of false teaching. **Colossians 2:8**

Remember that Jesus (and His Word) is the source of all truth.

Truth #3. Christ is Lord (even of the enemy)
Colossians 2:9–10

He is the fullness (πλήρωμα) of God in every respect. He is God. And someday every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD (God... YHWH).

He is sovereign over every power (ἀρχή) and authority (ἐξουσία). Those are ranks in the governmental-political order of the unseen world. They are created beings... who rebelled against God before time began. They are under the command of Satan. They are our enemies... not the people who are their captives. **Ephesians 6:12**

And even now, Jesus is asserting His power and authority over them. Someday, His plan will be complete, and the victory will be final.

There is no stopping Jesus. No matter how bad things seem, something marvelous is going to happen. As the late Pastor Timothy Keller preached the Sunday after 9-11, *"There is coming a day when Everything bad is going to come untrue."*

Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Defend this truth: Christ is our sufficient foundation and Lord.

But, of course, the big question for you as we close is... Do you know Him? Do you want to know Him? Who would say no to a man like Him?

Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **How does reading the bible every day help develop a daily prayer life?**
- **Explain how you would counsel a follower of Jesus who is being led astray by a false teaching.**
- **Jesus is Lord over everything, including the enemy. Explain how that affects your daily life.**
- **Explain how Christ is sufficient for all of your needs.**
- **Do you have a daily time of Bible reading, study, memorization, and meditation? Why is that important regarding Jesus as our firm foundation?**