

Colossians 2

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SERMON NOTES

Colossians: Christ is All in All

“Everything we might want to ask about God and his purposes can and must now be answered with reference to the crucified and risen Jesus, the Messiah. Paul’s repeated descriptions of such understanding as ‘riches’ or ‘treasures’ invite his readers to explore it with eagerness.”
- N.T. Wright, *Colossians and Philemon*

Colossians 2: Marks of a Maturing Church (v. 1-7)

1. Sharing encouragement based upon a firm confidence in Christ
2. United in the love of Christ
3. Depth of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of Christ
4. Not beguiled by novel teachings
5. Disciplined and steadfast in their walk with Christ
6. Finding their life and identity in Christ
7. Overflowing with gratitude to Christ

Colossians 2: In Christ...

- We have been knit together in love (v. 2)
- We have full assurance of understanding (v. 2)
- We have true knowledge of God’s mystery (v. 2)
- We find all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (v. 3)
- We walk in a living grace (v. 5-6)
- We have been firmly rooted, built up, established (v. 7)
- We overflow with gratitude (v. 7)
- We know the one true God (v. 9)
- We are made complete (v. 10)
- We know the authority over all other rulers and authorities (v. 10)
- We have died, been baptized and brought back to life (v. 11-13)
- We have settled our account with God (v. 14)

“I long to be filled with divine knowledge, divine wisdom, divine love, divine holiness, to the utmost extent of my capacity. I want to feel that all the currents of my soul are interfused in one channel deep and wide, and all flowing towards the heart of Christ.”

- Griffith John

“Just as a great tree is deep-rooted in the soil and draws its nourishment from it, so the Christian is rooted in Christ, the source of his life and strength. Just as the house stands fast because it is built on strong foundations, so the Christian life is resistant to any storm because it is founded on the strength of Christ. Christ is alike the source of the Christian’s life and the foundation of his stability.”

- William Barclay

“All power structures, ancient or modern, whether political, economic or racial, have the potential to become rivals to Christ, beckoning his followers to submit themselves to them in order to find a fuller security. The invitation is as blasphemous as it is unnecessary. Christ brooks no rivals. His people need no-one but him.”

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