

It's *all* about
Jesus.

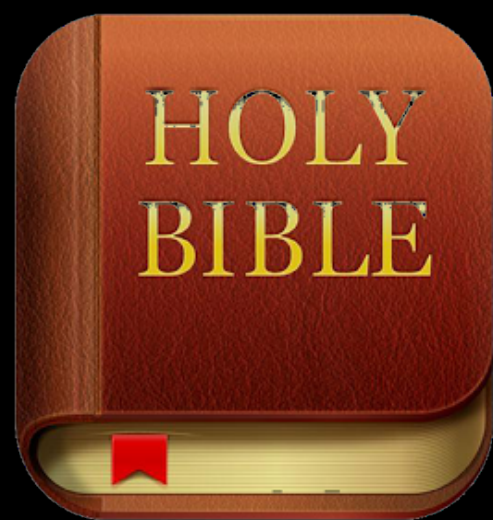
All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16



Created for Him!

**Complete in Him!
Colossians 2:8-10**

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.





Captive: sylagogon - Used of taking captives in war and leading them away as prisoners.

“Empty philosophies:”

Philosphia - “love of wisdom,” deception, taking the gullible captive.

“High-sounding nonsense:”

Apate - delusion, deceit.

Man cannot begin with himself and arrive at ultimate reality.

Francis Shaeffer

“Paul’s warning rests the fact of Christ’s unshared supremacy (V. 9) and His complete adequacy to meet human need. Because of who He is and what we find in Him, any system ‘not after Christ’ must be wrong.”

Expositor’s Bible Commentary

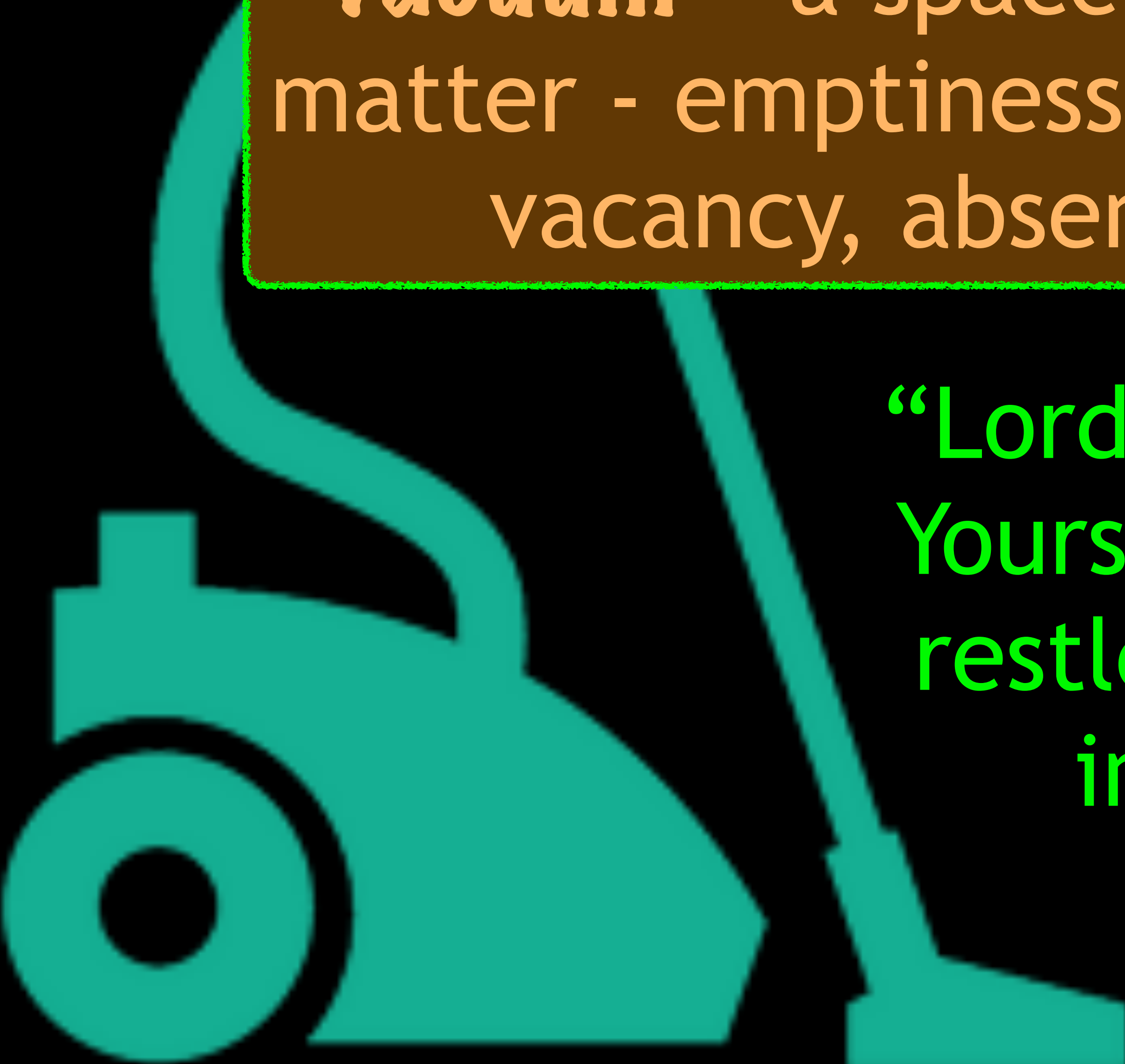
Main truth: Christ is all - and all you need

Bodily (somatikos): In Greek thought, matter was evil and spirit was good. But perfect, sinless God came in human flesh. Thus we are fully redeemed!

Jesus is perfectly complete - In christ the fullness of God lives. And now Christ lives in you!

Fullness: pleroma - Fullness of Divine nature and attributes

To be “complete” is to have *everything you need forever!* To have all your righteous desires met in Him. **TO BE EXACTLY THE PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BE.**



Vacuum = a space entirely devoid of matter - emptiness, void, nothingness, vacancy, absence, black hole

“Lord, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.” Augustine’s *Confessions*

MAIN POINT: Ever felt that something is missing? We are incomplete until reunited with our Creator. To feel complete and whole, you must know Jesus and fully trust Him.

**Point of greatest Praise - He is not a God who is far off and removed from our pain.
He is "Immanuel!"**

Can He deliver?

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

Head: Kephale - Supreme, chief, prominent. He has full authority over all the most powerful supernatural beings in all creation.

Since Christ is the fullness of God and believers are in Him, we are indwelt with all the fullness of our All-Sufficient, Supreme God.

