



## All That We Need – Colossians 2:6-15

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We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

– C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

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.

*Colossians 2:8, NLT*

### Free from Substitutes...

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you need.

**9** For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. **10** So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

*Colossians 2:9-10, NLT*

2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you need.

**11** When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision – the cutting away of your sinful nature.

**12** For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

*Colossians 2:11-12, NLT*

### Jesus' Two Actions That Secure All We Need:

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-14)

**13** You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. **14** He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)

**15** In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

### If You Are Tempted to Add to Jesus Ask...

1. Is the \_\_\_\_\_ built on Christ or some other spiritual substitute?
2. Are you experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ of life in Christ as a result?
3. Does this advice lead you to believe that the work of your salvation isn't \_\_\_\_\_?

*My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.*

*Colossians 2:6-7, MSG*