

Fullness in Christ

Colossians 2:6-15

I. The Application (vs. 6-7)

A. Just as you received Christ, continue to live your lives in Him (vs. 6)

**We can't perfect in the flesh what began in the Spirit
Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:1-3**

B. 4 Dimensions of living in Christ (4 participles)

1. Rooted – grow deeper; sink roots of faith deep into the soil of Christian truth.

Mark 4:5-6

2. built up – grow upwards; be established and keep growing.

3. Strengthened – continued growth

4. Overflowing with thankfulness

**The deep roots of faith evidence
themselves in an attitude of gratitude.**

II. The Threat (vs. 8)

“captive” – the word indicates being unwillingly taken away.

A. hollow and deceptive philosophy

B. human tradition

C. elemental spiritual forces

D. rather than on Christ

III. The Answer (vs. 9-15)

A. The person of Christ (vs. 9 -10)

The completeness of Jesus and our connection with Him shows other philosophies and traditions are unnecessary.

1. All the fullness of the Deity - Jesus is completely God.

2. In bodily form – fully man

3. Head over every power and authority

B. The Work of Christ (vs. 11-15)

1. brought to fullness in Christ (vs. 10)

This is a fact to be enjoyed, not a status to be achieved.

2. spiritually circumcised (vs. 11)

Deuteronomy 30:6

3. Buried and raised with Him in baptism (vs. 12)

4. Alive with Christ (vs. 13a)

Ephesians 2:4-5

A sick person may need a doctor, but a dead person needs a savior.

5. Forgave all our sins (vs. 13b)

charizomai – a verb form of the ancient Greek word charis (grace)

6. Canceled the charge of our legal debt (vs. 14)

legal sense – charges against a prisoner

Matthew 27:37

financial sense – ledger sheet of debt

7. Disarmed powers and authorities (vs. 15)

Not only is Christ our *sufficient* Savior, He is also our *sovereign* Savior.