

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:
Focusing on Jesus' Sufficiency – Part 1
Sermon # 7, Colossians 2:6-15

Main Point: Jesus Christ is completely God and I am complete in Him.

Getting to Know You

1. Colossians 2:6 talks about when we “received Christ Jesus the Lord.” Briefly share with the group when and how you came to receive Jesus as your Lord.

Getting into the Book:

Read Colossians 2:6-7

2. How has God strengthened you in your faith since the time you received Christ as Lord?
3. Why is the Biblical word “walk” (NIV “live”) a fitting metaphor for your life in Christ?

Read Colossians 2:8-9

4. According to 2:8, against what are we to constantly be on guard? What criteria are we to use to analyze the teaching we hear?
5. According to 2:3 and 2:9-10, why are we to only trust teaching that relies on Christ?

Read Colossians 2:10-14

6. List as many reasons as you can find as to why you are complete in Christ. (Possible answers: “spiritual circumcision” in Christ, buried with Christ, raised with Christ, made alive with Christ, forgiven in Christ, victorious in Christ.)
7. If you or another Christian you know has low self-esteem, how can these verses change your / their thinking with proper “Christ-esteem”? Self-esteem is based on human philosophy; “Christ-esteem” is based on the truth of God’s word.
8. Referring to 2:13-14, elaborate on the complete forgiveness given to you in Christ.

Read Colossians 2:15

9. How thorough was God’s defeat of the spiritual forces of evil through Christ’s death on the cross? What does that mean for those in Christ? See Hebrews 2:14-15.

Getting out There

10. Share with the group how the absolute sufficiency of Jesus speaks to a particular issue you are facing in your life right now.

Prayer

Praise Jesus for His sufficiency and ask Him for help in living out His sufficiency in your daily life.

Bonus Exercise

Work on memorizing Colossians 2:8 together.

“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”