

No Substitute for the Truth

Colossians 2:1-7

Christ is the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

A. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

1. The objects of Paul's concern (2:1)

a. The cities in the Lycus Valley

b. Paul wanted the best for them

1). He agonized over them

Philippians 1:27-30



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Christ is the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

A. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3) - continued

2. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3)

a. Hearts comforted = encouraged (2a)

1). Pursue peace and build one another up

Romans 14:19

2). Overflow with hope and joy

Romans 15:13

3). Love one another fervently

1 Peter 1:22

4). Encourage one another

Hebrews 10:25

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A. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3) - continued

2. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3) - continued

b. United in love (2b)

Psalm 133:1

c. Full knowledge of “the mystery of God, and the Father, and of Christ” (2c-3)

Psalm 119:72

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B. Guard the Truth (2:4-5)

1. The truth protects (2:4)

a. From false teachers

Matthew 7:15, 2 Corinthians 11:13, Genesis 3:4

Modern False Teachers

Liberalism - There is a spark of divinity in every human being

Mormonism - As man is now, God once was. As God is now, man may become

Humanism - Man is his god, possessing the potential to accomplish his dreams

Universalism - All religions are good because there is truth in every religion

Neo-Orthodoxy - The Bible is God's word whenever it speaks to you

New Age - Reach inside yourself for the true meaning of life

Jehovah's Witnesses - Jesus is the firstborn, God created Him first, before anything or anyone else

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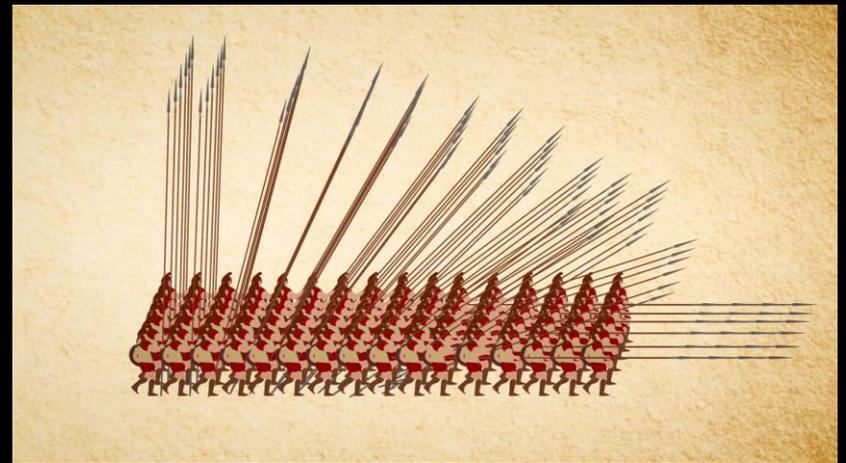
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B. Guard the Truth (2:4-5) - continued

2. The truth works (5)

a. “beholding your order”

b. “steadfastness of your faith”



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C. Grow in Truth (2:6-7)

1. Walking in Christ (2:6)

Salvation means a relationship with Christ, not just knowledge

2. Settled in the faith (2:7a)

“Rooted” - Single action

“Built up...stablished” - continuing action

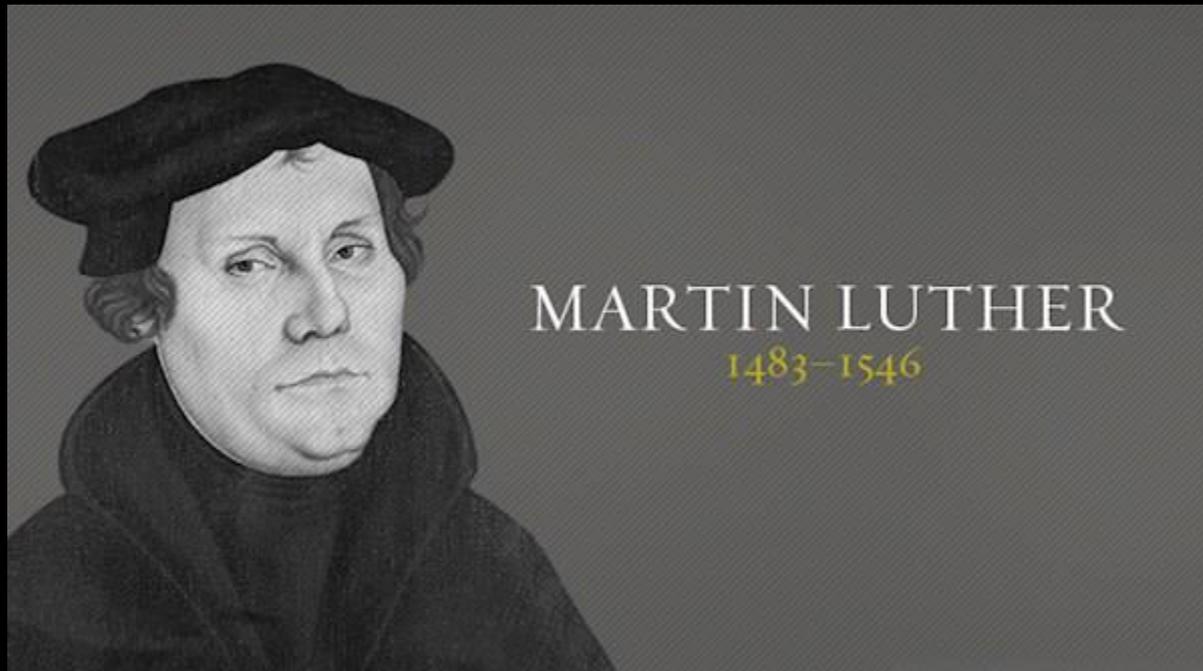
3. Abounding with gratitude (2:7b)

“with thanksgiving”

Complete in Christ
Colossians 2:8-15

Christ is all the believer needs

“Man need only Jesus”



Why Do We Need To Understand Jesus?

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

Colossians 2:8-10

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

1. His complete doctrine (2:8) – Be aware of ...

a. Philosophy and vain deceit

1) Philosophy = love of wisdom

2 Timothy 3:7

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2) Deceit = To lead away from the truth

1 Timothy 6:20

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

1. His complete doctrine (2:8) – Be aware of ...

b. Tradition of men

1). Wrong tradition - Substitute for God

Mark 7:5

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

Mark 7:7

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

1. His complete doctrine (2:8) – Be aware of ...

b. Tradition of men - continued

2). Good tradition - Aligned with God's will

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2 Thessalonians 3:6

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

1. His complete doctrine (2:8) – Be aware of ...

c. Rudiments of the world - Worldly fundamentals

2 Peter 3:10-12

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Jesus is the “infinite God-man”

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

B. His complete deity (2:9)

1. In power

Matthew 9:6

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

B. His complete deity (2:9) - continued

2. In judgment

Matthew 25:31-32

31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

B. His complete deity (2:9) - continued

3. In righteousness

2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Hebrews 13:21

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

B. His complete deity (2:9) - continued

3. In righteousness - continued

Revelation 5:12-14

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

I. Our Complete Savior (2:8-10)

C. His complete dominion (2:10)

Isaiah 45:23

I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Romans 14:11

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Philippians 2:10

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

Colossians 2:11-15

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

Colossians 2:11-15 - continued

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

A. Complete acceptance (2:11)

**1. By God for Christ's sake through the
"circumcision made without hands"**

2. An outward change based on an inward conversion

Deuteronomy 30:6

And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

How do we identify with Christ?

What kind of baptism?

We identify to God and to the world three ways

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

B. Complete identification (2:12-13a)

1. Through His crucifixion

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

B. Complete identification (2:12-13a) - continued

2. Through His burial

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6: 11

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

B. Complete identification (2:12-13a) - continued

3. Through His resurrection

2 Corinthians 5:17

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:
old things are passed away; behold, all things are
become new.**

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

C. Complete forgiveness (2:13b-14)

1. *Forgiven=Charisamenos*

Forgiven, pardoned, remitted through grace

2. How many of our trespasses are forgiven?

All past, present, and future

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

C. Complete forgiveness (2:13b-14) - continued

3. How are they forgiven?

“blotted out” - A picture of the cross

Galatians 3:22-24

22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

II. Our Complete Salvation (2:11-15)

D. Complete victory (2:15)

1. Christ's *spoil* of "principalities and powers"

2. Christ the conqueror

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**Are You Complete
In Christ?**