

“DEAR BELIEVER, YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM!”

(Colossians 2:9-10)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE PRAYERS FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

III. THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST’S POSITION (1:15-18)

IV. THE PERFECT SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST’S WORK (1:19-2:3)

V. THE PROBLEM OF AND PROTECTION FROM FALSE TEACHING (2:4-2:23)

A. GENERALLY (2:4-7)

B. SPECIFICALLY (2:8)

C. DOCTRINALLY (2:9-15)

1. In v. 9 the connective “*for*” gives us the reason why we should beware of a philosophy which is “*not according to Christ*,” (v. 8); it is because Christ _____ is the _____ by which all things pertaining to life and godliness should be _____. (v. 9a)

2. Earlier in 1:19 Paul declared that “*it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell*,” now he repeats the same truth but with a very significant addition, “*For in Him dwells all the fullness of the _____*.” (v. 9b)
 - a. “*dwells*”

 - b. “*all the fullness*”

 - c. “*the Godhead*”

 - d. “*bodily*”

* How would this denounce the false teaching in Colossae?

3. Applying v. 9, Jesus Christ is the _____ to your insufficiency because of His _____... *“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”*
4. From the verb *“you are complete”* (*pres./pass./indic.*) it is clear that God placed you into Christ the _____ you got _____, and you _____ positionally in Him forever. (v. 10a)
5. The second half of v. 10 confirms that Paul still had the Gnostics in mind; the words *“principality and power”* in this context refers to _____.
(v. 10b, cf. 1:16; Eph. 6:12)
6. Applying v. 10, Jesus Christ is the _____ to your insufficiency because of His _____... *“who is the head of all principality and power.”*

* How does this expose the false teaching of our day ...

- with Judaism
- with the Jehovah Witnesses
- with the Pentecostal/Charismatics
- with losing your salvation

* How can this passage encourage you today?