



CHRIST IS ALL-SUFFICIENT: FOCUS ON JESUS

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In Colossians 1:28-29, Paul shared how he proclaims Christ to people to “present every man complete in Christ”. This did not mean perfection but maturity: to reach full potential and become all that God willed for them to be. We cannot do this alone and are not sufficient on our own — our adequacy is from God (2 Corinthians 3:5)! Knowing this, however, does not mean there are no difficulties in life. We sometimes find ourselves in a downward spiral or overcome by our emotions, but like Paul, we can combat that by fully understanding who Jesus is.

Paul expressed how he struggled to pray for the Colossians and Laodiceans, that their hearts will be encouraged and that they would truly know Christ Himself, in whom treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found (Colossians 2:1-3). The problem in Colossae was the proliferation of deceptive people, so Paul yearned to see the church’s “good discipline and stability of [their] faith in Christ” (v. 5). He tells them that since they received Christ they must “walk in Him”, to keep obeying and following Jesus. Such is the Christian life: that after coming to Christ, we should walk in Him, rooted and now being built up in Him, established in the faith, and overflowing with gratitude (vv. 6-7). Is our life marked by rootedness, overflowing joy, and gratitude? Christ is all-sufficient, and He is always purposeful even in our challenges!

The people were then warned against delusional philosophies and empty deception (v. 8). Many of the false teachings during that time are still prevalent now:

- Mysticism: worship of angels and mediators
- Syncretism: combination of different beliefs and philosophies to reach God
- Gnosticism: the salvation is achieved through special knowledge
- Legalism: keeping standards of behavior to be saved
- Asceticism: imposes man-made rules or severe self-discipline to gain favor from God

The Bible tells us this is not the way! We must beware of any teaching that diminishes our view of Jesus or draws us away from Him. We need to have a proper high view of Christ, our all-sufficient Savior.

JESUS IS GOD

Jesus is all-sufficient because He is GOD! Colossians 2:9 tells us that in Christ “all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form”. John confirmed this (John 1:1-3, 14, 18) and Jesus said that of Himself (John 10:30-33), even as He was accused of blasphemy for claiming to be God. If Jesus is God and He dwells in us, then we have what we truly need in life.

JESUS COMPLETES US

Anything other than or in addition to Jesus that we think will complete us or our happiness is an idol. In Jesus we are made complete (Colossians 2:10) and we are granted “everything pertaining to life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3-4). In Him we are circumcised, which is a spiritual matter (Deuteronomy 3:6, Romans 2:29) where God gives us a new heart and puts His Spirit in us to cause us to obey (Ezekiel 36:26-27). With Jesus we are also baptized (Colossians 2:12): we die in our sins, receive His forgiveness, and are made alive with Him (v. 13, Romans 6:1-3). He paid all our sins in full on the cross and is victorious by His resurrection, enabling us to live a transformed and renewed life!

JESUS GIVES US TRUE FREEDOM

True freedom is not the ability to do what you like doing when you feel like it, but the power to say no to sin and yes to God. Knowing these things about Jesus, we are set free from man-made religious ideals and traditions (vv. 20-23). We are no longer under the power of sin or law but under Christ, therefore we must use this freedom not to sin but to serve God (Galatians 5:13-14), deny ungodliness, and lead sensible, righteous, and godly lives (Titus 2:11-12). It is Jesus who set people free, and indeed, HE IS ALL-SUFFICIENT!

last week's memory verse

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10

discuss this message

What does “in Him you have been made complete” mean?

How does focusing on Jesus encourage you during difficult times?

How do you guard yourself from deceptions and other false teachings that are rampant today?

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with Juliet Didulo

June 27, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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THE DAILY WALK

SESSION 2: DAILY DENIALS
(THE HABIT OF FASTING)

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Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

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
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ZOOM: June 26, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

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GLC LEVEL 2

Book 7: Family Life

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ZOOM: June 27, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13