

Christ is Our Fulfillment (Colossians 2:6-15)

I. Christ Alone is The Fulfillment of Our Faith (6-8)

A. Continue in Christ Alone (6-7)

1. Walking in Christ (6)

- a. In the same way you received Him...
 - i. Do You remember the faith you had?
 - ii. Do You remember the joy of that day?
 - iii. Do You remember that Christ was all you had?
 - iv. Do You remember that Christ was all you wanted?
 - v. When you were saved, He was enough...remember?
- b. This is how you walk in Christ –
 - i. By the same faith through which you were saved
 - ii. Sometimes we think we need more
 - iii. Sometimes we think Jesus isn't enough
 - a. We follow the Christian fads
 - b. We follow the newest "programs"
 - c. We want the "deeper" things
 - d. "There must be something I am missing"
 - e. "Why can't I be happy like everyone else?"
- c. The same faith that saved you is what you live by –

2. Growing in Christ (7)

- a. In Christ you have been firmly rooted
 - i. This is something that has already been done
 - ii. The believer is "planted" in Christ
 - iii. Nothing can separate you from His salvation
 - a. Romans 8:35-39
 - iv. In Him you have EVERY spiritual blessing – Eph. 1:3
"everything you will ever be before the Father is given in Christ"
"As a believer, You will never be more than you are in God's eyes"
"think about that – Jesus is your perfection"
- b. In Christ you ARE BEING built up
 - i. Although you are perfect in standing before God
 - ii. You are still growing in practice
 - a. you are growing in faith
 - b. you are growing in repentance
 - c. you are growing in love
 - d. you are growing in obedience
 - iii. Notice That God is doing this in you
 - iv. The is the evidence of your salvation
 - a. Being built up is being established
 - b. Growing is the evidence of life

3. Abounding in Gratitude

- a. Literally is says, "overflowing in thanksgiving"
- b. Think about this for a minute
 - i. by taking God's wrath – Jesus gives you perfection

- ii. You deserve wrath and judgment
 - iii. Yet the Father sees you perfect
 - iv. Plus God Himself is growing you to walk more and more like Christ
 - v. Does that make you thankful?
- B. Don't Be Sidetracked by other things (8)
 - 1. Beware – it means watch out, make sure you stay alert
“What should you be watching for?”
 - a. That no one spoils you by deceitful philosophy
 - i. The word “spoil” literally means “take captive”
 - it is speaking about chasing after other things
 - when you start thinking you need something else to make you happy
 - ii. A philosophy is a theory or attitude that is a “guiding principle”
 - “I live by this philosophy...”
 - iii. Any guiding principle other than Christ is foolishness
 - Only Christ can bring true joy
 - Anything else will always fail to deliver
you think you finally have joy
and it slips through your fingers
ever felt like this?
 - b. That you don't get taken by the traditions of men
 - i. When you look around – it doesn't look like anyone you know is living for Jesus
 - ii. It is easy to “go with the flow”
 - iii. It is easy to compare yourself with other people instead of Scripture
 - iv. It is easy to understand what the Bible says but not take it seriously – it seems all spiritual and theological but not realistic
 - c. That you don't get taken by the rudiments of the world
 - i. the world says “you need _____to be happy”
 - fill in the blank with anything
 - it could be family, possessions, power, job
 - it could be religion, church, good works
 - the world would have you believe you need something more than Christ

You may want to break the outline here into another lesson

II. Christ Alone is Worthy Of Our Trust (9-15)

A. Christ is The Only Power of God (9-10)

1. He is the fullness of God
 - a. He is the fullness of Deity
 - b. He is in bodily form, God
2. He is the fullness of His people (10)
 - a. In him believers are complete
 - b. In him there is nothing lacking
 - c. Nothing else is needed for righteousness
3. He is the fullness of all authority (10b)
 - a. He is the head over all rulers
 - b. He is the head over all authorities
4. Application: There is nothing in heaven and earth that is more worthy of faith than Christ. He is completely God, yet completely man, there is nothing else needed to be added to him for our perfection, and no other power or ruler can rival His authority.

B. Christ is the Only Reconciliation with God (11-14)

1. Jesus brings believers into covenant with God (11-12)
 - a. In Him we are circumcised without hands
 - i. Circumcision was the sign of the covenant
 - ii. Many Jews thought this sign confirmed their relationship with God
 - iii. Many thought circumcision was all that mattered
 - b. Jesus “cut away” the body of our flesh
 - i. This is the circumcision described
 - ii. He did this as we were buried with him in baptism
 - iii. He did this as we were raised with him through faith
 - c. Jesus brought us into covenant (circumcised) by the cross
 - i. By faith in the cross and resurrection
 - we have been reconciled to God
 - our sins are “cut away” from us
 - we have peace with God
 - we are given a perfect righteousness
2. Jesus Gives believers spiritual life (13a)
 - a. At one time you were dead
 - i. Because of your sins and transgressions
 - ii. Because of the uncircumcision (no relationship with God)
 - the lost have no spiritual life
 - the lost are dead to the things of God
 - the lost cannot speak to God (Ps. 66:18)
 - the lost cannot hear from God (1 Co. 2:14)
 - b. When we were dead Christ gave us life
 - i. Through faith in Him we are resurrected
 - ii. Through faith He made us alive
 - iii. Through faith we are alive WITH him

3. Jesus Gives us Freedom From Our Sin (13b-14)

- a. He has forgiven all our sins
 - i. Everything we have ever done
 - ii. Everything we will ever do
- b. He canceled out the debt we owed
 - i. We have broken God's decrees (laws)
 - ii. Breaking God's laws brought hostility from God
 - iii. Jesus took that hostility upon himself
 - iv. God's hatred of our sin was nailed to the cross

C. Christ is the Only Victory in God (15)

- 1. At the cross Jesus triumphs over our enemies
 - a. He disarmed the rulers and authorities
 - i. He took away their only power to accuse us
 - ii. He took away the sin by which they ruled us
 - b. He Publicly humiliated our enemies
 - i. They no longer have any claim
 - ii. They no longer have any hope of victory
 - c. He Triumphed Over Them
 - i. He won us out from under their power
 - ii. He snatched us from their kingdom