

Complete in Christ
Colossians 2:1-10

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I. Prayer and encouragement. Colossians 2:1-3

"Paul saw that there was a grave danger in Colossae and in Laodicea, and it caused great _____ in the heart of the apostle." (McGee)

1. We gather together because of what we _____.

Hebrews 10:24-25

2. We gather together because of what we _____ to offer.

Paul is encouraging these believers to be knit together, which is a crocheting term; to be _____ with each other.

II. Walk in Christ. Colossians 2:4-6

Eternal life in Christ is simple for us; we receive the free gift of salvation in Christ by faith; He did the work, and we receive the gift by _____ what He has promised in His Word.

- Our Christian **walk** is a way of living empowered by the Holy Spirit and is the _____ of our new life in Christ. **Galatians 5:16-17**

In order to continue growing in our relationship with Christ and to shine brightly in a dark world; we must **walk** in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit; and in the light of _____.

III. Rooted in Christ. Colossians 2:7-8

Once we have a firm foundation in Christ, because we have the best root system we are to _____ in the grace and knowledge of Him.

- "A _____, growing, _____ believer will not be led astray." (Wiersbe)

IV. The fullness of Christ and His followers. Colossians 2:9-10

The Trinity is a difficult teaching for sure; but scripture very clearly teaches that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Christ; so when we look at Jesus, we see _____ Himself.

- Now that we know that **all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in Christ**; we have been made _____ in Him.

"And you are in Him, having been completely filled full with the _____ result that you are in a state of fullness." (Wuest)

- We add nothing to our salvation because we are in Christ and He is the _____ of God; and we are complete in Him.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. What do you learn about the nature of effective prayer from this passage? What relationship do you see between Paul's praying, his preaching, and his suffering? (Wiersbe)
2 Timothy 4:7
2. What is the importance of persistence in prayer? Discuss the importance of a Christian realizing our battles are fought and won in prayer.
Luke 18:1-8, Philippians 4:6-8, Deuteronomy 20:1-4, 1 Samuel 17:47, Ephesians 6:11-18, 2 Corinthians 10:4
3. Read **Hebrews 10:24-25** and discuss some of the reasons we should gather together as the body of Christ.
Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:11-16, Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 10:17
4. What are some reasons why believers seem to stop growing spiritually and lose their vitality in their walk with Christ? (Wiersbe)
2 Peter 3:18, Philippians 1:6, Colossians 1:10, 2 Peter 1:5-8
5. What are some of the consequences of being spiritually stagnant? Read **Colossians 2:4-15**. What pictures of spiritual progress did Paul use in this section? What principle does each picture teach? How can we recognize in practical ways each of these criteria for progress in our own lives? (Wiersbe)
6. What tangible evidence can others observe that Christ is real to you and that you are seeking to make Him first in your life? (Wiersbe)