Firmly Established in Christ

COLOSSIANS 2:8–15

Key Passage

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

Colossians 2:9-10

Introduction: **Colossians 1** = **Colossians 1** = **1)** Christ is the hope of salvation **2)** Saints continue in their salvation constantly bearing fruit, **3)** He is the source of **all** knowledge, understanding and wisdom **4)** Christ is sufficient in salvation, supreme overall things, reconciling His own with God, is now head of the church and is exalted having first place in all things, **5)** He calls the church to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord having the gospel message presented that also is to every man will be complete in Christ, **Colossians 2:1-7** **1)** Paul in the midst of struggling as a captive desires the Colossian's hearts are encouraged, that they are knit together in love, come to a full understanding of the knowledge of Christ in whom all wisdom and knowledge are found. **2)** as with the Colossians we are to be firmly rooted in Christ (Ps 1), built up in Him, established in faith, walking in Him.

I. **Paul's Continuing Concern for the Church** *(v. 8)* (**James 3:13-15, 1 Corinthians 2:12-14**)

II. **Christ in whom all deity dwells** *(vv. 9-10)* ***(Colossians 1:19, John 1:14-18, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Ephesians 1:19b-22)***

III. **In Christ we are circumcised of heart and in baptism with Him we are raised with Him** *(vv. 11-12)* **(Romans 2:28-29, Philippians 3:2-3, Romans 6:5-6)**

IV. **By Christ's sacrifice on the Cross we are made alive in Him** *(vv. 13-14)* **(Ephesians 2:13, Romans 8:11, Titus 3:4-6, Romans 3:23)**

V. **On the Cross Christ publicly displayed His triumph over sin** **(Romans 3:24-25, Hebrews 2:14-15, Ephesians 1:18-23, Philippians 2:10)**

"Having the Lord Jesus Christ is to have everything needed in spiritual life for time and eternity."

John MacArthur