

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins Ephesians 2:1 (ESV)

I have complete victory over every demonic power.

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Colossians 2:15 (ESV)

Conclusion

- Am I guilty of idolatry by finding my identity in my friends, job or family more than who I am in Jesus?
- What demonically inspired modern thinking and empty cultural promises are taking me captive and leading me away from Christ?
- How well am I rooted in Christ? What is my plan to learn more about Christ?

Digging Deeper Sermon Study

1. **Read Colossians 2:6-7.** Paul tells us to root ourselves in Christ and to build ourselves up in him. What do those terms mean? What do the following verses tell us about how to root and build ourselves in Christ? Acts 20:32; 1 Corinthians 3:9-15; Luke 6:46-49; Matthew 7:24.
2. **Read Colossians 2:10.** Paul talks about all of God being in Christ and Christ completely filling us. How does this change the way you feel about yourself when you realize the one who made the universe is living inside you? Does this help you with depression and lack of self-worth? (See also 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:30-31)
3. Consider these philosophies and their roots: Capitalism, Feminism, Racism, Environmentalism. In what ways can even good causes be used by Satan to take Christians captive and pull them away from Jesus?
4. **Read Colossians 2:13-14.** Since through our faith in Christ we literally died and rose to new life with him, how does that change the power of sin in our life and the way we face everyday temptations? (See also 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 6:6-7)



Colossians 2:6-15 - Why Is Jesus All I Need?

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1. The Christian life is all about Jesus.

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. 2 Thessalonians 3:6 (ESV)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (ESV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (ESV)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

A heart of thankfulness comes from anchoring to, growing in, and living for Jesus.

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Hebrews 13:15 (ESV)

2. Satan's plan is to take me away from Jesus.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. Colossians 2:8 (ESV)

Modern thinking and values can lead me away from Jesus.

Modern philosophy is filled with empty promises.

Modern philosophy is demonically inspired.

3. God's plan is to fill me with Jesus.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Colossians 2:9–10 (ESV)

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. John 2:19–21 (ESV)

4. What happens when we are filled by Jesus?

I experience the death of my old nature and resurrection life as my new nature.

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. Colossians 2:11–12 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 (ESV)

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Romans 6:6–7 (ESV)

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:9–11 (ESV)

I have complete forgiveness of my sin.

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. Colossians 2:13–14 (ESV)