

Colossians: Shaped by the Truth of Jesus

“World View Is Everything”

Colossians 2:6-10



Take a closer look

I. AN ASSUMPTION: LIFE IN CHRIST _____!

“Just as you received Christ Jesus as the Lord, keep on walking in Him.”

1. Paul assumes the _____ of the Christian life of his readers.
2. Paul affirms that the Christian life is all about _____.
 - a. _____—a title of _____ fulfilled
 - b. _____—the name that indicates His essential work: _____
 - c. _____—the title that indicates His _____ and _____

3. Paul asserts that his readers should “_____ in Him,” i.e., keep living in the realm of His _____ and _____.

With a parallel analogy, Paul says that the readers should build on Jesus Christ as their _____ for all of life (v. 7).

4. Paul also assumes the natural abundance of _____ from the hearts of his readers.

II. A WARNING: OTHER _____ CHALLENGE THIS LIFE.

“Watch out that there shall be no one who keeps making captive of you”

1. Paul warns that the philosophy of _____ would threaten a Christian basis for life in the world.
 - a. This challenge would take the form of human _____: “according to the tradition of people.”

b. This challenge would take the form of natural _____: “according to the elementary things of the world.”

2. Such “empty _____” would undermine life “according to Christ.”

III. AN ASSERTION: WE FIND _____ OF LIFE IN _____ ALONE!

“You have been made full in Him.”

1. Paul asserts that in Christ “all the fullness of the _____ is dwelling in _____ form.” This statement affirms two central ideas of Christian truth:

a. Jesus Christ was _____ in the flesh. There can be no denying His _____. This establishes once again His authority over every realm of human life. “... Who is the head over every ruler and authority” (v. 10).

b. Jesus Christ was God *in the* _____. There can be no denying His _____. This establishes His blessing of the physical world through the incarnation.

2. Paul asserts that followers of Christ “have been made _____ in Christ.” Therefore, any other philosophy of life is ultimately *something less than life in Christ*, not something more.

Take it home (applications)