

The Letter to the Colossians

Two Main Points of Pauls writings to the Colossians

1. The Supremacy of Christ
2. The Completeness of Christians in Christ

1. Opening address (1:1-14)

- a. Greeting (1:1-2)
- b. Prayer and Thanksgiving (1:3-14)

2. Christian Belief (1:14-2:23)

- a. Preeminence of Christ (1:15-23)
- b. The Ministry of Paul (1:24-2:7)
- c. The Cross and the Circumcision of Christ (2:8-15)
- d. The Shadows of the Old Covenant (2:16-23)

3. Christian Behavior (3:1- 4:6)

- a. A New Mind in Christ (3:1-4)
- b. A New Life in Christ (3:5-17)
- c. Family Life in Christ (3:18-4:1)
- d. Prayer and Conversation in Christ (4:2-6)

4. Closing Farewell (4:7-18)

- a. The Commendation of Tychicus and Onesimus (4:7-9)
- b. Final Greetings and Instrutions (4:10-18)

Colossians 2:9 – deity dwells bodily

242 Following this apostolic tradition, the Church confessed at the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325) that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father, that is, one only God with him. The second ecumenical council, held at Constantinople in 381, kept this expression in its formulation of the Nicene Creed and confessed "the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father".

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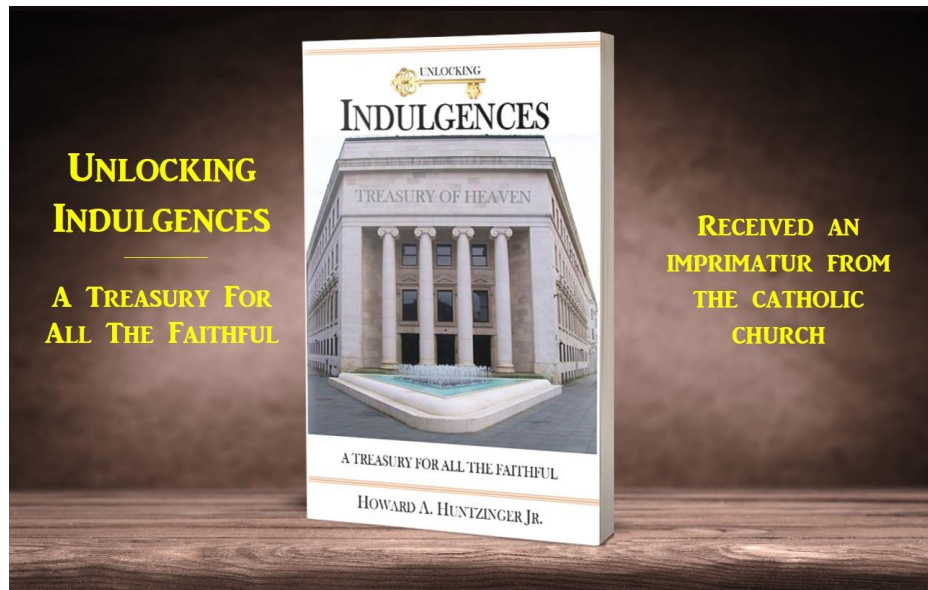
515 The Gospels were written by men who were among the first to have the faith and wanted to share it with others. Having known in faith who Jesus is, they could see and make others see the traces of his mystery in all his earthly life. From the swaddling clothes of his birth to the vinegar of his Passion and the shroud of his Resurrection, everything in Jesus' life was a sign of his mystery. His deeds, miracles and words all revealed that "in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily." His humanity appeared as "sacrament", that is, the sign and instrument, of his divinity and of the salvation he brings: what was visible in his earthly life leads to the invisible mystery of his divine sonship and redemptive mission.

Colossians 2:19 – Head and whole body

794 *Christ provides for our growth:* to make us grow toward him, our head, he provides in his Body, the Church, the gifts and assistance by which we help one another along the way of salvation.

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