



Series: Is God Enough?

Sermon: Part 4: Foolish Additions

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Real Truth and complete Truth is _____ found in Jesus.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7)

It was only by being consistent in following Jesus that their faith would develop deep _____ which would lead to healthy growth and spiritual maturity.

When we take time to understand what God says, His living water flows out of His Word and into our lives, leading us to grow deeper and deeper in Him.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:8)

This hollow and deceptive philosophy that was threatening the Colossian Christians was a strange mix of:

- Gnosticism
- Greek philosophy
- Jewish mysticism
- Local religions

All this philosophy seemed highly intelligent and it sounded good, so people just believed in it. People were ignorant of God's truths so they were easily captured by these false man-made philosophies and religions.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. (Colossians 2:9-10)

We are _____ in Jesus.

Because of all Jesus has done on the cross, we are complete in Him.

When you are complete, you don't need anything else to fill you or complete you.

In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having



canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. (Colossians 2:11-17)

The death of Jesus put an end to the circumcision of the skin as identity as God’s people and instead made the standard the circumcision of the _____.

Instead of outward observance, these believers needed to focus on their faith in _____ alone.

Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind. They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. (Colossians 2:28-23)

The keeping of rules and laws in order to look righteous and make yourself right with God, is the wrong motive and will never equate to salvation.

For the believer, our identification with Jesus in both His death and resurrection becomes the _____ for our Christian life, instead of our law-keeping.

Bottom Line: *Real Truth and complete Truth is only found in Jesus.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. What rules are you adding to your life in order to gain God’s favor thinking that if you followed them you would be blessed?*
- 2. If Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life and if we are complete in Him, what prevents you from fully accepting and embracing that in all areas of your life?*

Songs used in service: Battle Belongs (Phil Wickham), Bondade de Deus (David Quinlan), So Will I [100 Billion X] (Benjamin William Hastings), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?