

# COMPLETE IN CHRIST

## WHERE WE FIND PERFECTION

*"And ye are complete in him,  
which is the head of all principality and power"*

*~ Colossians 2:10*

### 1. Complete-ness

- a. Complete ~*def.* no deficiency, perfect; finished, ended, as in the edifice is complete.
- b. Men are ambitious: "be all that you can be" "empower" "fulfillment"
- c. God has the wisdom, goodness, holiness, power, perfection that we need and desire
- d. Sin severs access to God and is why we are missing, deficient, and lack in every thing
  - i. Sin's consequence: physical death, eternal (soul) death, spiritual death.
  - ii. Sin is why you're alone, unfulfilled, not good enough, come short – Rom 3:23
- e. How do we get access to God and his perfection? How do we become complete?

### 2. Complete in Christ

- a. Christ did the work necessary to be your righteousness for reward, but that is not all.
- b. Those saved by grace are complete in Christ - Col 2:6,10
- c. Col 2:7 - established in the faith (that it be of grace Rom 4:16)
- d. Col 2:8 – Beware philosophy: the love of wisdom (of men), because of Col 2:3-4
  - i. A vain deceit: "I have all I need in my health, wealth, entertainment." Lk 8:14
  - ii. "*tradition of men*" whether religious or social, whether Jew or Greek.
- e. Jesus Christ is your complete sufficiency, content, complete supply – Col 1:27-28
  - i. Your perfection comes from the wisdom found in Christ - 2 Tim 3:14-17
- f. For you to be complete in Christ, Christ must be God, and he is – Col 2:9

### 3. His Perfect Will

- a. "ye are" is different than "be perfect" or "ye will be" – Deu 18:13, Jam 1:4, Mt 5:48
- b. For Israel there is still work to do for perfection – Jam 2:22, Mt 19:21
  - i. The covenant teaching was blessing through Israel, law, city, physical blessing
- c. He died, rose, and reappeared and revealed the mystery of his perfect will to us.
  - i. The grace teaching is blessing through faith in Christ with all spiritual blessing
- d. 2:10 – "*head of all principality and power*" - Israel no longer the gateway to access.
- e. 2:11 – "*circumcision*" – no longer separates us, b/c God does the work (grace) in Him
- f. 2:12 – "*baptism*" washings no longer identify us, b/c we are in Christ Rom 6:3-4
- g. 2:13 – "*forgiveness*" in him no longer needed "*having forgiven you all...*"
- h. 2:14 – "*ordinances ... against us*" the law obligation went away at death – Rom 3:20
  - i. Eph 2:14-18 – In Christ a new man with access to the Father (his perfections)
  - ii. Eph 3:9,12 - The mystery fellowship is this new man complete in Christ
- i. 2:15 – "*spoiled... triumphed*" – our triumph in Christ not ourselves - 2 Cor 2:14
- j. 2:16-17 – What do observances accomplish for us now? What reward do they bring?
- k. 2:18 – Any replacement of Christ is an attempt to remove your reward in Christ.
- l. The work to give us access to God is now complete. Now, what will come of it?
- m. Complete in Christ doesn't mean God's will is done, prove it Col 3:1, Rom 12:2