

JESUS IS ENOUGH

Colossians 2:6-15

Church Group Sermon Discussion Guide – February 23, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING (ESV)

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See 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. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having 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. ¹³And 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, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What can you not take in its purest form – Do you need creamer in your coffee, or “a spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down?”

SERMON RECAP

A problem crept into Colossae – A lie that “Jesus is good, but He is not enough.” There was a false perception:

- If you really want meaning and purpose and fulfillment, you must look beyond Jesus.

The Truth is quite different:

- If you have Jesus, you have everything you need!
- Jesus is sufficient!

The same Jesus who saved you is the same Jesus who will sustain you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation: What does this passage say?

- 1) Read Colossians 2:6-15 aloud as a group. Let group members share observations. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you read quite yet. Simply share what you observe.
 - What do you hear Paul saying in verses 6-7?
 - What are some things that take us captive in verse 8; and what is the antidote in verses 9-10?
 - How many things has Jesus done for us in verses 11-15 and what are they?
 - How would you summarize Colossians 2:6-15 in your own words?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

- 1) Read Colossians 2:6-7

- What changes when people come to faith in Jesus?
- What does it mean to walk in Jesus and how do we do it?
- How does one become rooted and built up in Jesus, established in the faith?

2) Read Colossians 2:8-10

- How can philosophy captivate believers and draw them away from Jesus?
- What is “empty deceit” and how can it turn believers away from Jesus?
- How can human tradition turn believers in the wrong direction?
- How does knowing that “the whole fullness of deity dwells” in Jesus enable hope?
- How does being “filled in Jesus” change how someone sees the world?

3) Read Colossians 2:11-15

- What miracles happen to believers’ lives because of Jesus?
- How does being brought from death to life change everything?
- How does going from indebted to forgiven free believers?
- How is the cross a symbol of triumph and not defeat?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1) Founded in Jesus and established in the faith.

- What changed for you when you came to faith in Jesus?
- How would others know that you surrendered your will to Jesus’ will?
- What fruit is being borne by you as Jesus lives through you?
- How would others describe your walk with Jesus?
- How can your Church Group support your foundation in Jesus and the growth of your faith?

2) Jesus is enough.

- Where is Jesus good – but maybe He isn’t Lord over your finances?
- Where do you trust Jesus – but perhaps rely a little more on human achievement?
- Where is Jesus King – yet you worry about what’s happening to our country politically?
- Where is Jesus enough – yet you still measure your spiritual maturity with rules, disciplines, or religious performance?
- How can your Church Group help you to rely more fully on Jesus?

3) Jesus is everything you need – Jesus is sufficient.

- What moles are digging under the yards of your life, undermining your reliance on Jesus?
- Where might you be looking to someone other than Jesus for your identity?
- What needs do you have that can’t be fulfilled by Jesus?
- When you’re tempted to look somewhere other than Jesus, what brings you back?
- Take time in your Church Group to pray for your group’s reliance on Jesus alone and for the needs of your group members that arose during this discussion.