

Colossians 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Colossians 1 is one of the main Christo-centric passages.
- B. Philippians 2, John 1, and Hebrews 1 are other Christocentric passages.

II. Paul's conflict.

- A. The spread of the gospel.
- B. The opposition of the Devil.
- C. Strengthening the hearts of the believers.
- D. Binding together believers in love.
- E. A deeper understanding of God and His Son.
- F. Staying on track.
- G. Not being intimidated by enemy propaganda.

III. The Apostle Paul stresses getting the gospel out to the whole world and the basic Christian walk. (1 Corinthians 15:1-5, Colossians 1)

IV. Paul warns the Colossians about falling into error. (Colossians 2:8)

V. Three themes.

A. The supremacy of Christ.

1. One sets for the supremacy of Christ objectively. (Acts 10:36, Mark 5:5-6)
 - a. Jesus is Lord over creation.
 - b. Jesus cast out demons and healed the sick.
2. One sets for the supremacy of Christ subjectively.
 - a. We must obey God.
 - b. To evangelize the nation individual Christians must place themselves under the obedience of the Lord.
 - c. If you would save other people, you must give up yourself. (Mark 15:29-30, 8:34-35)

B. Our completeness in Christ.

1. To say we need more than Jesus is blasphemy, denying the work of Christ and denying the power of Christ.
2. In Jesus Christ dwells all the fullness of God, so being yielded to Jesus brings that to the believer.

C. Our daily walk in Jesus Christ.

1. After conversion a new believer must be established in the faith.
2. This is equipping the believer for the work of the faith. (Ephesians 4:12)
3. The objective is to convert them, mature them in Christ and then prepare them for the work of the ministry.
4. Isolate the need you have and get help for that need.

Application questions

1. Why is Jesus Lord even if His followers are disobedient.

2. How can it be said that saying we need more than Christ is blasphemous?

3. What need do you have to make Christ supreme in your life? Where will you go to get help for that need?
