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- Col. 2:9-10 - “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and **you are complete in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power.”
- What does “You are complete in Him” mean?
 - “Kai este en autw pephrwmenoi” literally translates as: “And, you are filled with Him.”
 - Jesus was filled with God; and we, filled with Christ, are also filled with God.
 - Our restoration spiritually and our relationship with God lost in the Garden, is restored to its fullness in Christ.

“You are Complete in Him”

- “There is a completion, or a filling up, in Him, so as to leave nothing wanting. This is true in respect to:
 - The wisdom which is needful to guide us;
 - The atonement to be made for sin;
 - The obedience by which a sinner can be justified; and
 - The grace which is needful to sustain us in the trials, and to aid us in the duties of life.
- No other source is needed to fill us completely in these things.” *(Barnes NT Commentary)*

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- Christ is the foundational power, source of stability, and endurance in a believer’s life, regardless of the times and circumstances.
 - Job 2:10 - “Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die!’ But he said to her, ‘You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.”

In Christ Alone

- “This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
- Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
- What heights of love, what depths of peace,
- When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
- My Comforter, my All in All,
- Here in the love of Christ I stand.

- This gift of love and righteousness
- Scorned by the ones He came to save.
- 'Til on that cross as Jesus died
- The wrath of God was satisfied
- For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
- Here in the death of Christ I live.”

- From life’s first cry to final breath,
- Jesus commands my destiny.
- No power of hell, no scheme of man
- Can ever pluck me from His hand
- 'Til He returns or calls me home
- Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.”

(written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our resurrection
 - Col. 3:1 - “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.”

Our Resurrection

- There are two resurrections:
- First resurrection - spiritual
 - Col. 2:13 - “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses”
 - Eph. 2:1, 5-6 - “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins... 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”

Our Resurrection

- Second resurrection - physical or bodily
 - John 6:39-40 - “This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”
 - Rom. 8:11 - “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our power for living
 - Col. 3:1 - “Where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God”
 - Eph. 1:20 - “Which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our power for dying
 - Col. 3:3 - “For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
 - Rom. 8:13 - “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”
 - Rom. 6:6 - “Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our power to live forever
 - Col. 3:4 - “When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”
 - Phil. 3:21 - “Who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”
 - 1John 3:2 - “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our re-created image
 - Col. 3:10 - “And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him”

Our Re-Created Image

- Our new image must be free of our old nature and bad habits.
 - Eph. 4:22 - “That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts”
- Our new image must be in the image of Christ and His attributes.
 - Eph. 4:24 - “And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Our Re-Created Image

- Our new image must be who we really are.
 - Rev. 1:6 - “And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.”
 - Col. 3:12 - “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our forgiveness
 - Col. 3:13 - “Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”
 - Matt. 18:21-35

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our peace
 - Col. 3:15 - “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”
 - Rom. 5:1 - “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”
 - Col. 1:20 - “And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our wisdom and authority
 - Col. 3:16-17 - “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”
 - Matt. 28:18 - “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’”

Christ Is The Source Of:

- Our motivation
 - Col. 3:23 - “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”
 - Eph. 6:6-8 - “Not with eye service, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”
 - “Heartily” is “ek psuchos” and means “out of the soul.” (Strong's)

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Jesus Paid It All

- “Lord, now indeed I find
 - Thy pow’r, and Thine alone
 - Can change the leper’s spots
 - And melt the heart of stone.

 - And when before the throne
 - I stand in Him complete
 - I’ll lay my trophies down
 - All down at Jesus’ feet.

 - Jesus paid it all,
 - All to Him I owe;
 - Sin had left a crimson stain
 - He washed it white as snow.”
- (written by Elvina Hall, music by John Grape)*