

“You are Complete in Him”

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Introduction:

- A. Col. 2:9-10 - What does “You are complete in Him” mean?
1. “Kai este en autw pephrwmenoi” literally translates as: “And, you are filled with Him.”
 - a. Jesus was filled with God; and we, filled with Christ, are also filled with God.
 - b. Our restoration spiritually and our relationship with God lost in the Garden, is restored to its fullness in Christ.
 2. “There is a completion, or a filling up, in Him, so as to leave nothing wanting. This is true in respect to:
 - a. The wisdom which is needful to guide us;
 - b. The atonement to be made for sin;
 - c. The obedience by which a sinner can be justified; and
 - d. The grace which is needful to sustain us in the trials, and to aid us in the duties of life.
 - e. No other source is needed to fill us completely in these things.”
(Barnes NT Commentary)

B. Christ is the foundational power, source of stability, and endurance in a believer's life, regardless of the times and circumstances - Job 2:9-10

C. In Christ Alone (written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

“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.”

I. CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF:

A. Col. 3:1 - Our resurrection

1. There are two resurrections:
2. First resurrection - Spiritual
 - a. Col. 2:13; Eph. 2:1, 5-6
3. Second Resurrection - Physical or bodily resurrection
 - b. John 6:39-40; Rom. 8:11
- B. Col. 3:1 - Our power for living - Eph. 1:20
- C. Col. 3:3 - Our power for dying - Rom. 8:13, 6:6
- D. Col. 3:4 - Our power to live forever - Phil. 3:21; 1John 3:2
- E. Col. 3:10 - Our re-created image
 1. Our new image must be devoid of old nature and habits - Eph. 4:22
 2. Our new image must be of Christ and His attributes - Eph. 4:24
 3. Our new image must be who we really are - Rev. 1:6; Col. 3:12
- F. Col. 3:13 - Our forgiveness
 1. And of our capacity to forgive others
 - a. We have been forgiven much, so we must forgive others; being forgiven should make us expansive and generous toward others
 - b. Forgiveness is a chief Christian marker
 - c. To hold a grudge is of the Adversary - Matt. 18:21-35
- G. Col. 3:15 - Our peace - Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20
- H. Col. 3:16-17 - Our wisdom and authority - Matt. 28:18
- I. Col. 3:23 - Our motivation - Eph. 6:6-8
 1. Heartily is "ek psuchos" and means "out of the soul" (Strongs)

Conclusion:

- A. Col. 2:9-10
- B. Jesus Paid It All (written by Elvina Hall, music by John Grape)

"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."