

# COLOSSIANS

A *life* WORTH LIVING

## Part 2 – Stay Focused on Jesus Colossians 2:1-15

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### I. STAY FOCUSED ON THE TRUTH ABOUT **WHO JESUS IS**. (Colossians 2:9-10)

A. *Colossians 2:9-10* “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,<sup>10</sup> and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.” (NIV)

1. Jesus is **God** who took on flesh.

*Colossians 2:9* “For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form...”

2. Jesus was the **creator** of everything.

*Colossians 1:16* “For by Him (Jesus Christ) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities...”

3. Jesus is the **owner** and sustainer of everything.

*Colossians 1:16b–17* “...all things were created by Him and **for** Him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

*Colossians 2:10* “and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.”

4. Jesus is **in charge** of our church.

B. Jesus died on the cross to pay the **penalty** for our sin, was buried and rose again. Jesus is coming back for us at his appointed time.

C. What you and I think of Jesus doesn't change the truth about Him but it does impact what becomes true **within us**. What you believe about Jesus Christ makes all the difference in **your world**, both now and in eternity.

## II. STAY FOCUSED ON HOW TO KEEP **FOLLOWING** CHRIST. (Colossians 2:3, 6-7)

A. *Colossians 2:3* "In Him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

B. Since Jesus made it all, He understands it all. Ultimate meaning for your life is found in Him. Insight into who God is, what His Character is, how to relate to God...all of that is found in **Jesus**.

C. *Colossians 2:6-7* "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. <sup>7</sup> Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

D. You trusted Him for heaven. Now trust Him for your **everyday** life.

*Philippians 1:6* "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (NIV)

## III. STAY **STUBBORNLY** CONNECTED TO JESUS. (Colossians 2:5)

A. *Colossians 2:5* "For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how **firm** your faith in Christ is." (NIV)

B. If you are going to be **stubborn** about anything, let it be about your love for and your faith in Christ.

## IV. KEEP LIVING IN THE **FREEDOM** JESUS BOUGHT YOU. (Colossians 2:13-15)

A. *Colossians 2:13* "You were dead because of your sins... Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins."

B. The Law's ultimate **purpose** was to show us we could not please God on our own. It's intent was to lead us to Christ that we might be made right in the eyes of God not by our deeds but by our faith in Jesus. (Galatians 3:24 - paraphrase)

C. *Colossians 2:13-14* "You were dead because of your sins... Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. <sup>14</sup> He canceled the record that contained the **charges** against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross."



