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(MacArthur).

Colossians 2:9-10

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NIV - “in Christ you have been brought to fullness”

NASB – “and in Him you have been made complete”

NLT – “So you also are complete through your union with Christ,”

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in
His
Exclusive and absolute
supremacy
And
in His
Sacrificial
Death**

Practical affect of the sufficiency of Christ

Philippians 3:7-10

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,”

How great are my privileges in Christ Jesus!

- Without him I stand far off, a stranger, an outcast;
- in him I draw near and touch his kingly scepter.
- Without him I dare not lift up my guilty eyes;
- in him I gaze upon my Father-God and Friend.
- Without him I hide my lips in trembling shame;
- in him I open my mouth in petition and praise.
- Without him all is wrath and consuming fire;
- in him is all love, and rest for my soul.

How great are my privileges in Christ Jesus!

- Without him hell is open below me, and eternal anguish;
- in him its gates are barred to me by his precious blood.
- Without him darkness spreads its horrors in front;
- in him an eternity of glory is my boundless horizon.
- Without him all within me is terror and dismay,
- in him every accusation is charmed into joy and peace.
- Without him all things external call for my condemnation;
- in him they minister to my comfort, and are to be enjoyed with thanksgiving.

I praise You for grace and for the unspeakable gift I have in Jesus Christ my Savior.

Colossians 1:13-23

The really amazing thing here is that what is said is speaking of a man who had recently lived among them and been crucified by the Romans.

Colossians 1:13-16

“For he (the Father) has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”

Colossians 1:17-20

“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”

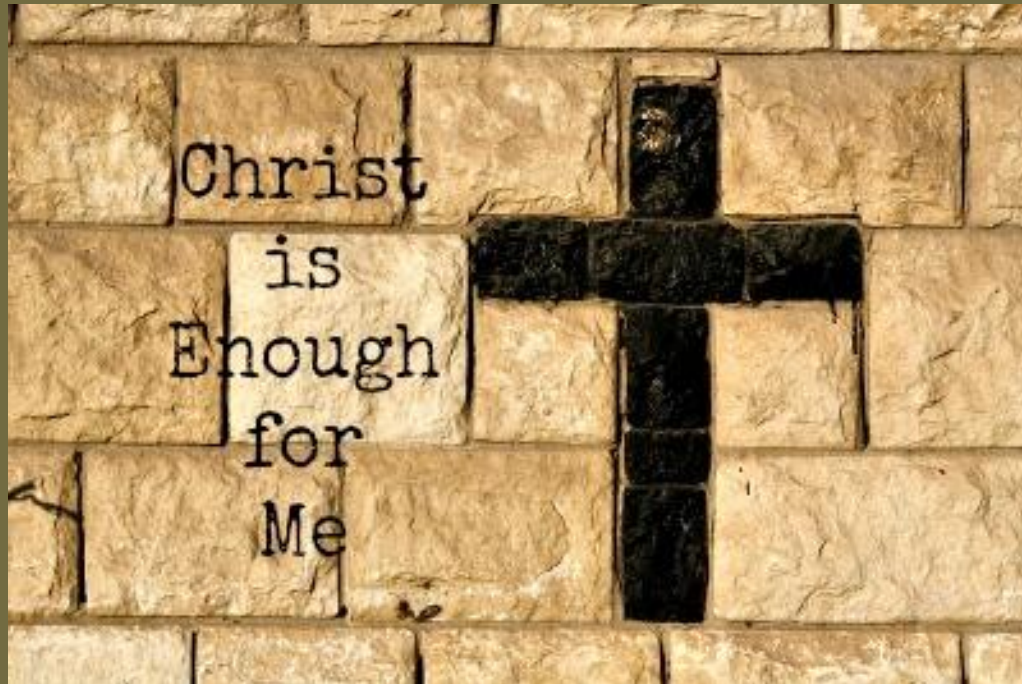
“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Colossians 1:21-22

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...”

Colossians 2:6-7

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”



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Me

- A comprehensive vision of reality centered in Jesus Christ. – **ALL**, **EVERY**,
 - The amazing and humbling movement is from the **ALL** in vv. 15-20 to the **YOU** in vv. 21-22! (v. 13 opened the way)
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- “For those who have been redeemed by Christ, the universe holds no terrors; they know that their Redeemer is also creator, ruler and goal of all.” (FF Bruce)

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- **In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind (John 1:4).**
- **In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3).**
- **In him, all the fullness of Deity resides in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).**
- **Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3).**

- **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, (Ephesians 1:7).**
- **In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (Ephesians 1:11).**

Exclusivity

John 14:6 – “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

Acts 4:12 – “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

“Our claim, then, is not just that Jesus was one of the great spiritual leaders of the world. It would be hopelessly incongruous to refer to him as ‘Jesus the Great’, comparable to Alexander the Great, Charles the Great, or Napoleon the Great.

Jesus is not ‘the Great’; he is the only. He has no peers, no rivals, and no successors. Because of his identity as God, Jesus Christ is not to be relegated, like other religious leaders, to history and the history books. He is not dead and gone, finished and fossilized. He is alive and active. He calls us to follow him, and he offers himself to us as our indwelling and transforming Savior” (John R. W. Stott).

I Timothy 2:3-6

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.”

John MacArthur recounts a story

- I remember some years ago when I was asked to come down to a Hollywood hotel to speak to a group of actors and actresses, someone had arranged a meeting and asked me to come and present the gospel to them. So I launched into the gospel and I presented the gospel for about 45 minutes and called for faith in Christ.
- A young man came to me afterwards, immediately walking up to the front, shook my hand. He was a very handsome man from India. He was a young actor who had come over here to Hollywood to make it. And he said to me, "Your speech was fascinating and compelling." And he said, "I want Jesus Christ in my life." I was thrilled. I said, "Well, let's go over in this little side room," and we did. And he said, "I want to tell you, I'm a Muslim, I've been a Muslim all my life. But...he said...I want to have Christ."
- Well I was thrilled. In my ministry I had never had the privilege of leading a Muslim to Christ, nor did I understand that a Muslim might respond to one hearing of the gospel in that way. So I was overwhelmed. And I went through a little more of the detail of opening one's heart to Christ and then I said, "Let's pray." And we got down on our knees and two little chairs and we prayed and he invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come into his life and I prayed and when our prayers were done and he stood up, I was so thrilled and he shook my hand and he said, "Now isn't that wonderful? I have two gods, Jesus and Mohammed."
- And I said, "Ah, that's not how it works. You don't add Jesus to what you already have."

Sacrificial Death

I Timothy 4:10 - we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

Titus 2:11 – For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

I John 2:2 - He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

- All the wrath God holds toward evil was poured out on His own Son.
- When Jesus took our place on the cross, He suffered the punishment our sin deserved.
- His last words before He died were, "It is finished" (John 19:30).
- What He finished on the cross was God's plan to redeem His fallen world.
- When Jesus said, "It is finished," He was stating that He had successfully paid in full for every act of rebellion, past, present, and future.

- To be "in Christ" means we have accepted His sacrifice as payment for our sin.
- Our rap sheets contain every sinful thought, attitude or action we have ever committed.
- No amount of self-cleansing can make us pure enough to warrant forgiveness and a relationship with a holy God
- The Bible says that in our natural sinful state we are enemies of God (Romans 5:10).
- When we accept His sacrifice on our behalf, He switches accounts with us.
- He exchanges our list of sins for His perfect account that is totally pleasing to God (II Corinthians 5:21).
- To be "in Christ" means that God no longer sees our imperfections; He sees the righteousness of His own Son (Ephesians 2:13; Hebrews 8:12).
- Only "in Christ" is our sin debt cancelled, our relationship with God restored, and our eternity secured.

Being “in Christ Jesus” is a stupendous reality. It is breathtaking what it means to be in Christ. United to Christ. Bound to Christ. If you are “in Christ” listen to what it means for you:

- In Christ Jesus you were given grace before the world was created. [2 Timothy 1:9](#), “He gave us grace in Christ Jesus before the ages began.”
- In Christ Jesus you were chosen by God before creation. [Ephesians 1:4](#), “God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.”
- In Christ Jesus you are loved by God with an inseparable love. [Romans 8:38–39](#), “I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- In Christ Jesus you were redeemed and forgiven for all your sins. [Ephesians 1:7](#), “In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.”
- In Christ Jesus you are justified before God and the righteousness of God in Christ is imputed to you. [2 Corinthians 5:21](#), “For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
- In Christ Jesus you have become a new creation and a son of God. [2 Corinthians 5:17](#), “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” [Galatians 3:26](#), “In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”
- In Christ Jesus you have been seated in the heavenly places even while he lived on earth. [Ephesians 2:6](#), “God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”
- In Christ Jesus all the promises of God are Yes for you. [2 Corinthians 1:20](#), “All the promises of God find their Yes in Christ.”
- In Christ Jesus you are being sanctified and made holy. [1 Corinthians 1:2](#), “To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus.”
- In Christ Jesus everything you really needed will be supplied. [Philippians 4:19](#), “My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
- In Christ Jesus the peace of God will guard your heart and mind. [Philippians 4:7](#), “The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
- In Christ Jesus you have eternal life. [Romans 6:23](#), “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- And in Christ Jesus you will be raised from the dead at the coming of the Lord. [1 Corinthians 15:22](#), “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” All those united to Adam in the first humanity die. All those united to Christ in the new humanity rise to live again

How do we get into Christ?

At the unconscious and decisive level it is God’s sovereign work: “From God are you in Christ Jesus” ([1 Corinthians 1:30](#)).

But at the conscious level of our own action, it is through faith. Christ dwells in our hearts “through faith” ([Ephesians 3:17](#)). The life we live in union with his death and life “we live by faith in the Son of God” ([Galatians 2:20](#)). We are united in his death and resurrection “through faith” ([Colossians 2:12](#)).

This is a wonderful truth. Union with Christ is the ground of everlasting joy, and it is free. (from John Piper)

For by that one offering he
(Christ) forever made perfect
those who are being made holy.
... And when sins have been
forgiven, there is no need to
offer any more sacrifices
(Hebrews 10:14,18).

John 3:16-18

16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 - For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 - Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.