



## Colossians 2:9

**For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,<sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority**

Paul had to unravel the mess that the Church in Colossae had added to the gospel. It was a jumbled mess of Jewish ideas, Greek idea and a dash of Gnosticism.

What did Paul do??

## 1) He prayed

1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,<sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,<sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

## 2) He puts Christ back in the centre of their thinking

<sup>15</sup> *The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

<sup>16</sup> *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.*

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together

<sup>19</sup>. *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,*

Jesus is not second class and he doesn't need our help!!!!!!

## 3) Paul was genuine- Talk about his suffering at the end of the first chapter

## 4) He outlines what is wrong

- ~ Messy Ideas
- ~ Spirit is good/ matter is bad
- ~ We need to follow ceremonies and rules to be saved
- ~ Angels need to be worshipped
- ~ Christ can't be man and God
- ~ We need to defer to human wisdom and philosophies
- ~ Lets mix together elements of lots of religions
- ~ Nothing wrong with immorality

## 5) He gives direction to put right the effects of not having the right view of the gospel

<sup>1</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- Put away
- Wrong sex
- Impurity
- Lust
- Evil desire

## Colossians 3

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

## Colossians 4

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.