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Colossians 2:6-2:23
(page 984 in the pew bible)

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- It was no longer a city of influence

It...“was the most unimportant town to which Paul ever wrote.”

- John Lightfoot, Commentary on Colossians

ABOUT THE CHURCH AT COLOSSAE

- Paul had never actually visited the church
- Many Jewish families lived there
- Epaphras was the founder of the Gentile church
- Paul genuinely cared about these people

THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM

- Jesus isn't God...there is "Something More"
- There is a "Deeper Knowledge"
- You need to DO Additional Things

THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM

- Gnosticism = “learned knowledge”
 1. Believed the Spirit Alone is Good
 2. Material World has always existed
- Old Testament Law-keepers
 1. Festivals, Levitical Laws, and Circumcision

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What Christ Followers Need to Know:

1. You Are Complete (vss. 6-10)

Jesus is Everything you Need

⁶“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving”

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Paul the Apostle (Colossians 2:6-10)

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What Christ Followers Need to Know:

1. You Are Forgiven (vss. 11-15)

Jesus DID Everything you Need

- He has Forgiven Your Sins (vss. 13-14)
- Jesus Defeated Evil (vs.15)

He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets.”

*Colossians 2:15 - “The Message”
Eugene Peterson*

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What Christ Followers Need to Know:

1. You Are Covered (vss. 16-19)

Jesus is Enough

- Not by keeping Traditions or Rules (vss. 16-17)
- Not by Superstitious Experience (vss. 18-19)

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What Christ Followers Need to Know:

1. You Are Free (vss. 20-23)

Because of What Christ DID,
not by What you DO

There is only one thing that will put a collar on the neck of the animal within us, and that is the power of the indwelling Christ.”

Alexander MacClaren
“The British Friend” -Aug. 1, 1887

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