

Walking with the King - Fullness

Colossians 2:8-12 (ESV)

Fullness is only found in union with Christ

1. What is fullness?

Colossians 2:9-10 (ESV)

- a. Filled with what? “All we can know or experience of God is therefore found in our relationship with him” (Moo).
- b. **2 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)**
- c. **Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV)**

2. Where fullness is not found:

Colossians 2:8 (ESV)

- a. Fullness is not found in philosophies
 - i. Human tradition
 1. Gnosticism – Jesus and special knowledge
 2. Legalism – Jesus plus good works
 - ii. Elemental spirits – elemental principles and their corresponding deities
Psalm 115:1-8
 - iii. Apart from Christ
 1. Gospel math – Jesus + Anything = Nothing
 2. “Any teaching that in any way detracts from Christ’s exclusive role is by definition both wrong and ineffective” (Moo).

3. Where fullness is found:

Colossians 2:9 (ESV)

- a. In union with Christ
 - i. In his death **Colossians 2:11 (ESV)**
 - ii. In his burial **Colossians 2:12 (ESV)**
 - iii. In his resurrection **Colossians 2:12 (ESV)**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (ESV)

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