

“Christ is Enough”

Colossians 2:11-23 Study Guide

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Background and Theme

1. **Author:** The Apostle Paul
2. **Theme of Colossians:** The Preeminence of Christ
3. **Breakdown of Colossians**
 - Preeminence Declared (ch. 1)
 - Preeminence Defended (ch. 2)
 - Preeminence Demonstrated (ch. 3-4)

I. Truth Explained

II. Lies Exposed

Verses Referenced: Romans 6:1-4, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, Colossians 2:9-10, Galatians 3:3, Colossians 3:1-4

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1. Paul wanted the Colossians to know that it was the circumcision of the heart that mattered over physical circumcision and ritual. Where else in scripture do you see this teaching and mindset? From Jesus, James, Peter, Paul, etc...?
- 2. Paul tells the believers in Colosse that Jesus is enough for their salvation in a very concise way. How could you use these verses, specifically verses 13-15, to share the goodness of the gospel with someone?
- 3. The lies of legalism, mysticism, and asceticism were all being shared in Colosse and leading people astray. How are these same lies being used in the world and the church today?
- 4. *Follow up from question 3* How can the church defend against the lies Paul mentioned, and share clearly that Christ is enough, and nothing needs to be added to the salvation He offers?

This week, re-read Colossians 2:11-23 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these verses with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

Notes:

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