

Sermon Series: Colossians

Sermon Text: Colossians 2:9-10 The Whole Fullness of Deity

Because the fullness of Deity in Christ is accessible to you, you have every resource for godliness in Him.

1) The full Deity of Christ

- a) The false promise of “fullness” from other sources
 - i) Hierarchies of angels and other heavenly beings
 - ii) Ascetic practices to detach from material creation
 - iii) Ancient ceremonies from Mosaic Law
- b) Illustrate Fullness of Deity Dwelling
- c) Infinite
 - i) Power—Omnipotent (Psalm 115:3)
 - ii) Presence—Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-12)
 - iii) Knowledge—Omniscient (Psalm 139:1-6; Isa. 46:10)
- d) Eternal (Rev. 22:13; Exod. 3:14)
 - i) Alpha—Source of All Things
 - ii) Omega—Goal of All Things
 - iii) I Am—Fully Present at Every Moment
- e) Unchangeable (Mal. 3:6; James 1:17)
 - i) Can't be improved
 - ii) Can't be diminished
 - iii) Can't be manipulated
 - iv) Faithful/Trustworthy
- f) Sovereign
 - i) Free to do all His holy will (Exod. 33:19; Rom. 9:15, 18)
 - ii) Preserving and governing all His creatures and all their actions (“head of all rule and authority”; Psalm 29; 93)
- g) Holy-love
 - i) Love completely consecrated to God's glory
 - ii) Love that embraces sinful creatures to consecrate them to God
- h) **Application:** Jeremiah 2:13—Have you dug out broken cisterns that hold no water?

2) The concrete accessibility of Deity in Christ

- a) Transcendence
 - i) Philosophical: cold, detached, distant (Deism, Pantheism, Islam, Judaism)
 - ii) Biblical: God dwells in unapproachable light (1 Tim. 6:16); and graciously condescends to be known by His creatures; personal accommodation to His creatures' nature
- b) The Visible LORD of the Old Testament
 - i) The Word of the LORD came to the prophets
 - ii) The Angel of the LORD
 - iii) Theophanies

- iv) Prophetic Throne-room Visions
- c) The Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ
 - i) John 1:1, 14 The Word who is God became flesh.
 - ii) John 14:9-11 "Whoever has seen me has seen my Father."
 - iii) Luke 24:36-43 "See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
 - iv) Lord's Supper—bread and wine
- d) **Application:**
 - i) No saving knowledge of God apart from Christ.
 - ii) God is known truly and personally in Christ Jesus.

3) Filled in Christ

- a) Like fullness of Pacific Ocean filling a jar
- b) Like a rich man filling the account of a poor man
- c) Like a husband filling his wife with love and nurture through one flesh union (relationship)
- d) John 1:16 "For from His fulness we have all received, grace upon grace."
 - i) His righteousness for our rags (1 Cor. 1: 30; 2 Cor. 5:21)
 - ii) His wisdom for our folly (Col. 2:3)
 - iii) His holiness for our uncleanness (1 Cor. 1:30)
 - iv) His strength in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9)
 - v) His peace for our hostility (John 14:27; Eph. 2:14; Col. 1:20)
 - vi) His joy for our misery (John 15:11; 16:22; Phil. 4:4)
 - vii) His glory for our shame (John 17:22; Rom. 8:30)
 - viii) His sonship for our alienation (Eph. 1:5; 2:19; Gal. 4:4-7)
- e) 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 "all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's"
- f) Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
- g) How does Christ fill us?
 - i) 2 Cor. 8:9 "that you through His poverty might be made rich"
 - ii) Phil 2:7 "He emptied Himself"
- h) **Application:**
 - i) "See to it that you are not taken captive by philosophy and empty deceit . . ."
 - ii) Do you need wisdom? Strength? Courage? Hope? Love? Peace? Mercy? Joy? Deliverance? Patience? Endurance? Compassion? All is found in Christ.

Doxology: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every Spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (Eph. 1:3)