

In Christ Alone

Colossians 2: 8 – 10

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⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

Vain Worldly Philosophy. V. 8.

- Beware is a warning that you could be kidnapped.
 - Watch out and be on guard.
- Philosophy defined:
 - Empty deception – Without Christ human philosophy is empty and deceiving.
 - According to the traditions of men – Every human tradition has traditions and leads to error.
 - Elementary principles – the ABC's of life or belief in spiritual beings giving direction like astrology.
 - The bottom line is that all this is “rather than according to Christ.

In Christ. V. 9.

- All the fullness of Deity.
 - Jesus is all God being the second person of the Trinity.
 - In essence Jesus is all God and nothing less.
 - This has been true from eternity past to future.
- All fullness of Deity dwells in Him:
 - This is permanent and always has been.
- In Bodily form:
 - Now in His resurrected body is all the fullness of Deity.
 - This speaks against philosophy of all flesh being evil.
 - This speaks against other spiritual emanations.

Made Complete. V. 10.

- In Him we have received all fullness.
 - We are not perfect yet.
 - We have all we need spiritually, mentally, morally, and He provides physically.
 - There is no reason for a Christian to not be fulfilled and content in Christ.
 - We must build on the seed of salvation with knowledge of His word to grow in this grace.
- Christ is the Head over all rule and authority.
 - Simply stated nothing created overpowers or out rules Christ.

Conclusion

- Beware and do not become spoil of human philosophies which attempt to define reality beginning with human reasoning.
- Philosophy of life based on human reasoning cannot save and acceptance of it results in bringing harm to the Christian.
- Christ and Christ alone is all God and all powerful over all things at all times.
- Therefore we are complete in Him, and enjoy satisfaction in abundant life in Him.