

Hidden With Christ, The Greatest Treasure – Part 2

Colossians 2:8-15

A. Context: Wisely wealthy in Christ, the Supreme Being (Colossians 1:1-2:7)

1. In Jesus Christ, the Preeminent One, all the resources of understanding and the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are _____.
2. Believers now have full access to the _____ of God and are enabled to live thankful, _____ lives in Christ.

B. The ideas and _____ of mankind and the world are deceitfully bankrupt. v.8

1. Paul and Timothy warned the Colossians to be on their _____ against empty, false teaching that was _____ in humanistic and demonic philosophy. (1 Timothy 4:1)
2. We must understand that _____ thought or concept that is not in line with the wisdom of Christ is _____ and deadly. (Jeremiah 17:5-10, 2 Timothy 2:23-3:9)

C. The philosophy of the world can be overcome by the believer who _____ knows the fullness of Christ. v.9-10

1. Paul and Timothy strengthened the _____ of their warning in verse 8 by reminding the Colossians of God and His salvation. (1 John 4:1-6)
2. Because Christ is completely God and He is _____ over everything, believers are _____ in Him. (2 Peter 1:1-4)

D. We, as believers, have gained freedom and a new _____ because we have been brought to life in Christ. v.11-15

1. Just as the Jews would lose a part of themselves when they were identified as God's possession through _____, so the Colossians had experienced their sinful flesh being cut off in Christ. (Romans 2:28-29)
2. Baptism, the symbol of death and resurrection, _____ how we have been crucified and raised with _____; our flesh is dead and we have been given new life! (Romans 6)
3. If this is _____ in your life and mine, then we have been enabled and commanded to think, speak, and act in the _____ of Christ. (Ephesians 3:14-19, Philippians 2:1-5, 12-13)

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- A. 1-contained, 2-riches, worthy, B.-thought-processing, 1-guard, rooted, 2-any, dangerous, C.-intimately, 1-effectiveness, 2-Master, complete, D.-identity, 1-circumcision, 2-illustrates, Christ, 3-true, fullness