“His Sufficiency and Our Salvation”

Colossians 2:11-15 Sunday January 21, 2024

## INTRODUCTION READ Colossians 2:1-23 [Pew Bible pg. 925]

 Complete in Christ 2:4-7, 8-12, 17, 19 “Christ . . . in Him . . .with Him”

 Our Sufficient Savior: Complete In Christ Our Identity in Him

“union with Christ provides fullness in the Christian life, so negating the need for man-made improvement programs. In the Colossian context, this man-made improvement program entails the heresy promoted by the Judaizers . . .”

Our Present Christian Walk . . . 2:6-7 The Present Christian Warning 2:8

1. In Christ Only Are You Completely Saved 2:11-13a
2. In Christ Himself Positionally and Really Changed 2:11

“in whom you were also circumcised . . .” spiritually not physically

 with a circumcision made without hands,

 in the removal of the body of the flesh, cf. 2:15; 3:9

 in the circumcision of Christ. . .” 2:10 READ Romans 2:28-29

1. In Christ Himself Personally and Fully Alive 2:12-13a

Who You Are In Christ and Now Have Faith In The Working of God

 “ . . . having been buried with Him in baptism . . .”

 in which you were also raised up with Him

 through faith in the working of God,

 who raised Him from the dead.

 READ Romans 6:6-12

 When You Were Dead And Then Became Alive In Christ

 “And you being dead in your transgressions . . .” Ephesians 2:1-4

 “ . . . and the uncircumcision of your flesh . . .”

 “He made you alive with Him . . .” 2:10, 12

In Christ Only Are You Completely Saved 2:11-13a

II. In Christ Only Are You Completely Forgiven 2:13b-14

1. In Christ Himself Personally and Entirely Forgiven

Forgiven Because We All Need Forgiveness for All That We Have Done Wrong

“ . . . having graciously forgiven us all our transgressions” Luke 7:40-50

Forgiven Because He Cancelled Our Great Debt In Everything He Required

He Cancelled Our Debt “ . . .having canceled out the certificate of debt”

 “used of blotting out a writing” Isaiah 43:25; Acts 3:15

 “consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us”

1. In Christ Himself Positionally and Really Pardoned

Forgiven Because He Removed The Judgment of Our Transgressions by God

“He also has taken it out of the way” “to lift up and carry (away)”

Forgiven Because He Received The Condemnation of Our Guilt Before God

He Died on the Cross “ . . . having nailed it to the cross.” READ 1:20-22

Christ has utterly wiped out the damning evidence of broken laws and commandments which always hung over our heads, and has completely annulled it by nailing it over his own head on the cross. Phillips cf. 3:13

1. In Christ Only Are You Completely Triumphant 2:15

Having disarmed the rulers and authorities,

 He made a public display of them having triumphed over them in Him.

CONCLUSION His Sufficiency and Our Salvation

1. Rejecting all forms of self-righteous religion which give commands and make demands not possessing completeness in Christ

 and not having forgiveness in Christ

1. Knowing that Christ is the Only One who does forgive my sins therefore looking to Him for power over sin & going to Him when sin is present
2. The essence of false teaching is that you need something more than Christ therefore know Who He Is and believe What He has done as a Christian
3. Abounding in Thanksgiving for Who You Are in Christ &What He Has Done