

We Proclaim Him Colossians 1:28-2:14

In our text today then we will see two important things;

- 1:28-2:5 – **Christ, God's Wisdom**
- 2:6-14 - **Christ our completeness**

1. Salvation in Christ is a very _____ **thing** and the only way you can get it is by coming to Jesus Himself, with all of your self-centered _____ and failures, and allowing Him to take the burden of that wretched life of sin from you and _____ with it on the Cross. This then frees you to live a **new life of virtue** in His power and by His wisdom, having been forgiven of sin and made acceptable to God _____ His cleansing.
2. **Christ** _____ is **sufficient** to save you, and that He can do to the uttermost, and you simply receive this with a _____ **heart** by faith. Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and you _____ be saved. And so Paul explains the **simplicity** of the **Gospel** here, **“we proclaim Him.”**
3. This is the **pattern** for all _____ **ministry** in the church because it is in and through the **admonishment** and **teaching** of the _____ of God and the wisdom of God, that Christians are brought to _____.
4. The more deeply you come to _____ Jesus personally, by **spiritual** _____ and **understanding** through the Word of God, the more _____ your life is **built up** into Him.
5. Coming to _____ Christ better, and being **“knit together”** with the _____ of the **church in love**, encourages our faith and builds us up. This grows and flourishes as we come to _____ God, and His Kingdom and His purposes better, through His wisdom imparted by understanding the Word.
6. The **better** we come to **know Jesus**, who is **God's Wisdom**, the greater our _____ of God's love and forgiveness, His **peace** and _____, and the **joy** of being in **union with Him**. This **encourages** our hearts as He fills us with powerful **fruits** and **virtues** from the **Holy Spirit** in greater degree as we come to **comprehend** and _____ His wisdom better.
7. In Colossae they were actually teaching that one must _____ certain aspects of the **Mosaic** _____ in the **Old Testament** in order to be **saved**. You must follow the dietary requirements, and you must keep the **Sabbath** and the **feasts** in order to be _____.

8. Instead of focusing you on the **glory of Christ's free** _____ and perfection, and Christ's requirements for godly _____ that we do out of gratitude, (having _____ been saved not in order to be saved), they **enslave** you to **practices** that aren't even given by Christ or the Apostles.
9. **Mark 7:18-23** - 18 And He said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? **Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside _____ defile him;** 19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated? "(Thus **He declared _____ foods clean.**) 20 And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what _____ the man. 21 "**For from within, out of the heart of men,** proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, 22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. 23 "**All these _____ things proceed from within and defile the man.**" NASB
10. Any attempt to _____ **to Christ's righteousness** which is ours by faith, is **blasphemy against God** because it is in effect saying that what Christ has done is _____ sufficient to fully reconcile us to God. This is the **lie** of all _____ **religions** in the **world**, that you can somehow _____ the **favor of God**, or ascend to the divine life by **human effort**. No, rather you are **complete in Christ**.
11. _____ powerfully performed this circumcision, **making** our **hearts pure** by His _____ when we were **born again** by the Holy Spirit. This we call _____, which Paul now highlights in verse 13.
12. See here that **salvation** is a **supernatural act of** _____ performed on spiritually _____ people by God's own will and power. This is what Jesus meant by, "**you must be born again**" (John 3:3). In other words God must save you and make you alive because you have **no** _____ to do this on your own.
13. God can raise us from the dead because _____ no longer has any power to hold us because Jesus has _____ paid the price of death for our sins. And therefore the _____ **of God** can no longer **condemn us for sin** because Jesus has "**_____ it out**" and "**taken it out of the way**" and "**nailed it to the cross.**"
14. **Ephesians 2:8-9** - 8 For by _____ **you have been saved through _____;** **and that not of yourselves, it is the _____ of God;** 9 **not as a result of works,** that no one should boast. NASB