

(sermon notes)

He's All We Need!

Colossians 2:8-15

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.."

(Col. 2:9-10, NIV)

The bottom line:

In Jesus, I have _____!

FOUR MORE MARVELOUS METAPHORS:

1) Spiritual _____

In Jesus, the _____ has been _____.

"...and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." (Col. 2:11)

"Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live." (Deut. 30:6, see Rom. 2:17-29)

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Cor. 5:17)

"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry...." (Gal. 5:19-21)

"...our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin." (Rom. 6:6)

2) The Picture of _____

In Jesus, the _____ has been _____ and I've been _____ to live a _____.

"...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. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him," (Col. 2:12-13a)



"Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin." (Rom. 6:2-6)

3) My _____

It has been _____ and _____!

"...having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross." (Col. 2:13b-14)

"How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven!" (Ps. 32:1)

4) The _____

I can _____ through Him!

"When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him." (Col. 2:15)

"...and He is the head over all rule and authority." (Col. 2:10b)

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:12)

"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8)

"...that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." (Heb. 2:14b-15)

"...far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." (Eph. 1:21-23)

"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." (Rom. 8:37)