



**SERIES: August / September Series “HE IS ENOUGH”**

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**Scripture: Colossians 2:1-3**

**TITLE: Is He Enough?**

What would you do if you lost your home? Would you be okay? Would you be content if you had no care and relied on public transportation or the help of others. What if your job went away and you were stuck unemployed or in a job where you're underpaid and underutilized? What if your kids dropped you off at a nursing home and you saw them rarely. How would you feel? What if your parents didn't approve of your college education and the direction you wanted to pursue?

If you lost the thing you cherish most, would you be okay. Would you feel that Christ is really enough? That's the theme of our series. And today we continue to understand why. So the question we must all wrestle with is “Is He enough?”

Here's what Paul says pertaining this topic in Colossians 2:1-3 (NLT).

“I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. I want them to be **encouraged** and **knit together** by strong ties of love. I want them to have **complete confidence** that they **understand** God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

In Chapter 1 Paul begins his case for the sufficiency of Christ. It is Christ who was there at the creation of time, matter, and space. It is He who holds the universe together. He is our Savior. He deserves first place in our lives because He should be enough.

Then Paul says here how much he has agonized for this church in Laodicea that he's never met. He loves the church. Not a church. Not a select group of favorite churches. He loves THE Church of Christ. He desires for them to be encouraged or strong of heart, like a band of brothers or sisters who are committed to each other, their mission, and their leader. The tie that binds them is love for Christ and for each other.

He wants them to have practical wisdom to live out the reality of Christ in them. One such way is to speak, show, and live out the love of Christ. And then Paul says, it's in Christ himself that the mystery of salvation is realized. And in Christ alone is found all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

You see, we have everything we need in Christ: hope, salvation, purpose, value, identity, a future, truth, knowledge, and wisdom. It doesn't matter what we have or lack in this world because we have Christ. He is enough.

So this is my challenge for you today: open up your hands. What is it in your life you cling to as your prize. What is it that is so precious to you that you just can't live without it? Open up your hands and make Christ enough. Christ loves you. He cherishes you. Will you cherish him the same way?

He is enough. The question is will we believe it?