



SERIES: August / September Series “HE IS ENOUGH”

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Scripture: Colossians 2:9-10

TITLE: In Christ Alone

One of my favorite worship songs is “In Christ Alone” by Stuart Townsend. It captures the sufficiency of Christ in a meaningful way. Townsend writes:

*“In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.”*

Many of us sing this song on a Sunday morning or in the car as we run errands. But if we sing it so loudly, why do we struggle to live it out? I think there is a disconnect between what we sing and what we truly believe. The Apostle Paul wants to shore up that gap today by helping us. This is what Paul writes in Colossians 2:9-10 (NLT).

“For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

You may not realize this, but this is one of the most amazing passages in all of the Bible. Here the glory and sufficiency of Christ are captured. Paul declares that the God who spoke the universe into existence and sustains it today is fully in Jesus Christ. Verse 9 is the clearest statement about Jesus’ deity. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. Christ always existed as the Son and 2,000 years ago took on flesh. He is the God-man now and forever.

Paul was writing this passage to combat false teaching about Christ. There is an ongoing battle to say that Christ is not enough. His work on the cross is great, but you still need to do your part. You still need to play the game of religion. Others say Christ is great. He provides a free ticket to heaven, so live it up. Both these are false teachings.

Others say that Christ was a man and became God. Others declare that he was never God, just a neat guy. Anything but the fullness of God in Christ and His sufficiency is a lie.

And this is why we struggle. We fail to really embrace or realize Christ’s deity and power. We fail to cling to our completeness *“through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”*

You see, nothing you experience today is out of God's eyes. There is nothing you are facing today that is too big for God to handle and to move you through. No trial, attack, hurt, hurdle or disappointment is outside of the control of our savior, king, and sustainer. The question is will we trust Him to move us through it?

So this is my challenge for you today: Focus on Christ as He really is and then cast your worries and burdens on Him. Christ is enough. Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Friend, I see your prayer requests. I read your e-mails. I know you're hurting. But what's amazing is Christ knows. He cares. He has what you need. He simply wants you to trust Him. Focus on Him. And then allow Him to carry you through.

Friend, when you believe that Christ is enough, He wins the day for you.