



INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

LIVING UNDER THE PREEMINENT JESUS

PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

Christ Jesus, who is preeminent, is God Himself. In Him dwells the fullness of deity. All the treasures of true wisdom and knowledge are in Him. This truth, properly understood, dislodges all human claims to special insight and knowledge that do not hold fast to Jesus.

The Colossian church, like the church today, faced a barrage of claimants to special insight and knowledge. Their arguments for asceticism or Jewish traditions were lodged in the false assertion that Jesus wasn't sufficient. They claimed that believers needed to submit to certain regulations that were based on human philosophy and teachings. They confused the believers, creating an atmosphere of self-imposed legalism and self-righteousness that undercut the truth of Jesus' absolute sufficiency and preeminence. Although they acknowledged the importance of Christ, they added their own supplemental requirements from their self-made religion.

The Spirit of God confronts this lie with the truth that Jesus is enough. The hope of glory is the simple, powerful truth of Christ in you. They must walk in Him. They must sink the roots of their lives in Him and grow in Him. Their hope for abundant life is grounded in the work of Christ on the cross for them and their absolute identification with Him.

The preeminence of Jesus is coupled with the complete sufficiency of Jesus.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Colossians 1:24 – 2:23

Jesus' Divine Supremacy

Jesus' Saving Sovereignty

Image of the invisible God

Head of the Church

Prior Primacy

He is the Beginning

Creator

Founder of a new people

Pre Existent

Pre Eminent God

Sustainer

Reconciler

