



Lesson Six: "The Temple and The Triumph"

Colossians 2:8-15

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2 ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

Table Discussion Questions

1. Where do we look for fullness? When have we thought, "There has to be more than this"?
2. How does the fullness language in Colossians 2:9-10 relate to themes of worship and temple?
3. What does it mean that the fullness of deity dwells bodily in Jesus Christ (2:9)?
4. What does it mean that Christians "have been filled in Him" (2:10)?
5. How is the cross similar to a Roman triumphal procession after battle (2:15)?
6. What has happened to those who are in Christ (Colossians 2:11-14)?
7. If we have all that Paul describes in this passage, how should that affect our lives?
8. What "philosophies" and "empty deceits" tempt you (2:8)? How do we avoid being enslaved by them?