

CHRIST IN YOU

Colossians 1:27



- A. The all-sufficient Christ is the theme of the first two chapters.
- B. How our relationship with Christ influences our conduct among men is the theme of the last two chapters.

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1. One error threatening the Colossians was the failure to do justice to the person and work of Jesus Christ. (1:13-20)

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2. Another danger arose from the influence of Philosophy (2:4-10; cf. verse 3)

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3. Yet another danger arose from the influence of those who insisted on the observance of rites and customs of the Jewish religion. (2:13-17, 20-23; cf. Acts 15:1; cf. Galatians, Romans, Hebrews)

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4. The worship of angels was another danger of the false teaching to which the Colossians were exposed. (2:18-19)

☐ **This all-sufficient Christ dwells in Christians and influences their action in the various relationships of life.**

A. Christ dwells in the Christian. (1:27 "*Christ in you, the hope of glory*") (cf. Gal. 2:20)

1. Christ dwells in Jews and Gentiles alike. (cf. Eph. 3:6)

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1. Regarding our moral and ethical conduct, certain things are to be put to death and put off and certain things are to be put on. (3:5-17; cf. Eph., 4:25,28-29)

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A. The woman's role is a role of quiet subjection and not a place of prominence or display.

1. 1 Cor. 11:3; 1 Pet. 3:1; reason in 1 Tim. 2:13 and 1 Cor. 11:8-9.
2. Eph. 5:22-24, 33. Respect.
3. NOTE: In both Ephesians and Colossians the command to wives is followed by the expression, "Husbands love your wives." cf. 1 Pet. 3:7.

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B. The role of the husband is to be the loving leader. "*Leave and cleave...*" Gen. 2:24; cf. Eph. 5:25-29

"Be not bitter against them."

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C. Children are to obey their parents.

Prov. 6:20 "*My Son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.*"

Rom. 1:30 One of the many sins Paul listed here is "*disobedient to parents.*"

Eph. 6:1 Paul sums up the whole matter ... "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*"

- ▣ cf. Prov. 13:1 *"A wise son heareth his father's instruction, but a scoffer heareth not rebuke."*
- ▣ Prov. 15:5 *"A fool despiseth his father's correction; but he that regardeth reproof getteth prudence."*
- ▣ Prov. 15:10 *"There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way; and he that hateth reproof shall die."*
- ▣ 1 Kings 12 illustrates those young people who forsake the counsel of their parents and the counsel of other adults who have more years to learn.
- ▣ DO NOT FORGET TO LEARN TO WORK.
Lam. 3:27 *"It is good for a man that he bears the yoke in his youth."*

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Fathers must also provide training & discipline for his children.

Prov. 13:24 "He that spareth the rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

Prov. 19:18 "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

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"Christ in you" will be reflected in the "servant - master" relationship ... Employee - Employer (3:22-4:1; cf. Eph. 6:5-9)

Servants are to be obedient.

Masters are to be fair and just.

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"Christ in you" will be reflected in social life. (4:5-6); Acts 2:47; Phil. 2:14-16; Mt. 5:13-16

Conclusion:

For Christ to live in us, we must be willing to change.

Colossians 3:1-4

"If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, (who is) our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory."