

“Gleanings from Colossians”
Colossians 4:18

I. Why Paul wrote Colossians

- A. False teachers claimed that simple faith in Jesus was not enough to make someone spiritually complete.
- B. Extreme practices and heavenly visions were said to also be necessary.
- C. Paul’s message to the Colossians and us: Jesus has made you complete.

II. Evidences of our Completeness in Christ

- A. Our faith is the fruit of the power of the gospel in our lives. (Col. 1:3-6)
- B. Christ has already brought us full and lasting forgiveness. (Col. 1:13-14)
- C. Teachings that say Jesus isn’t enough are actually demonic. (Col. 2:8)
- D. The Old Testament shadows pointed toward Christ. (Col 2:16-17)
- E. “Christ-plus” practices affect us negatively and take us backward. (Col. 2:18-23)

III. The Life of Those who Are Complete in Christ

- A. Our lives should be centered on Christ. (Col. 3:1-4)
- B. We should put off the old man and put on the new man. (Col. 3:5-14)
- C. Spiritual vitality is to be found in the peace, word, and name of Christ. (Col. 3:15-17)
- D. Marriage, family, and work are to be lived in the name of Christ. (Col. 3:18-4:1)
- E. Consistent prayer, wise encounters, and faithful service...(Col. 4:2-17)
- F. God’s grace will always be with us. (Col. 4:18)

Colossians 1:27 - To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.