

Jesus. His Sufficiency.

The Book of **Colossians**

THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST

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Jesus.

Colossian 1:1-8

“Behind the debris of these solemn supermen, and self-styled imperial diplomatists, there stands the gigantic figure of one, because of whom, by whom, in whom and through whom alone,

***mankind may still have
peace: The person of Jesus
Christ.”***

**~ Ravi Zacharias
*Jesus Christ Among Other Gods***

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3. Jesus alone meets our greatest need.

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5. In Jesus are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

***“One thing is quite clear.
The false teachers came in
with the claim that they
would complete and perfect
the simple and elementary
faith to which the
Colossians had been
introduced by Paul***

***and his friends. This is
what false teachers always
do.”***

~ R.C. Lucas
The Message of Colossians & Philemon

Jesus.

What makes Jesus Sufficient?

6. The message about Jesus is sufficient for faithful ministry.

“You don't have to know a lot of things for your life to make a lasting difference in the world. But you do have to know the few great things that matter, and then be willing to live for them and die for them.”

The people that make a durable difference in the world are not the people who have mastered many things, but who have been mastered by a few great things. If you want your life to count...you don't have

***to have a high IQ or EQ;
you don't have to have to
have good looks or riches;
you don't have to come
from a fine family or a fine
school. You have to know a
few great, majestic,
unchanging, obvious,***

***simple, glorious things, and
be set on fire by them.”***

**~ John Piper
*Boasting Only In The Cross***

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6. The message about Jesus is sufficient for faithful ministry.
7. Jesus is sufficient for spiritual life and maturity.

***“We never ‘get beyond the gospel’ in our Christian life to something more ‘advanced.’ The gospel is not the first ‘step’ in a ‘stairway’ of truths, rather, it is more like the ‘hub’ in a ‘wheel’ of truth.*”**

***The gospel is not just the
A-B-C's of Christianity, but
it is the A to Z of
Christianity. The gospel is
not just the minimum
required doctrine
necessary to enter the
kingdom, but the way we all***

make progress in the kingdom. We are not justified by the gospel and then sanctified by obedience but the gospel is the way we grow (Gal. 3:1-3) and are renewed (Col 1:6). It is the solution

to each problem, the key to each closed door, the power through every barrier (Rom 1:16-17). It is very common in the church to think as follows: 'The gospel is for non-Christians. One needs it to

***be saved. But once saved,
you grow through hard
work and obedience.’ But
Colossians 1:6 shows that
this is a mistake. Both
confession and ‘hard work’
that is not arising from and
‘in line’ with the gospel will***

not sanctify you—it will strangle you. All our problems come from a failure to apply the gospel.”

**~ Timothy Keller
*The Sufficiency of Christ***

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***“When my conscience
condemns and blocks the way
to God, I must be ready to
stand on the truth of the
gospel and contend for my
faith.***

***By faith, I look to the heavens
and shout, ‘Oh happy day!’***

Conscience shouts back, 'I object.'

I reply, 'On what basis?'

Conscience says, 'You did such-and-such. How can you possibly think God does not see it?'

I admit, 'I will not deny the facts, and God knows the tears that have been shed over it. But I ask, "Was it or was it not a sin for which Christ died?"'

Conscience demurs, 'Well, yes.'

***My faith takes the offensive, 'If
yes, was it or was it not paid
in full?'***

***Conscience pauses, 'I
withdraw the objection.'
Faith presses further, 'And
should you not also rejoice
with me?'***

***Conscience is awestruck by
the all-sufficiency of the
cross.***

***And faith says, 'Then let us
draw near to God and say,
"Thank you, Father, for paying
for that awful sin my
conscience has just brought
to mind. I rejoice all the more***

***deeply in your loving-
kindness.””***

**~ John Ensor
*The Great Work of the Gospel***

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