

LIVING *changed* LIVES **Message 5**  
**Complete in Christ**

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► **Outline**

Today's message is based on **Colossians 2:1-10**.

*For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*

**Colossians 2:9 (NLT)**

**A. Introduction: Paul's Burden**

**(Colossians 2:1-2a. C/R: Acts 26:9-18; Romans 1:14-15;  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23)**

**B. Experiencing the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Christ produces...**

**1. Complete \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Colossians 2:2b-5. C/R: Proverbs 2:3-6; James 1:5)**

**2. Complete \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Colossians 2:6-7. C/R: Proverbs 3:5-6; John 14:6)**

**3. Complete \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Colossians 2:8-9. C/R: Luke 4:18-19; John 14:9-10;  
Galatians 5:1; Philippians 2:6-7; Colossians 1:15,19)**

**4. Complete \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Colossians 2:10. C/R: Ephesians 3:19; 2 Peter 1:4)**

**Answers:** **B.** fullness **1.** confidence **2.** direction **3.** freedom **4.** identity

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [bible.com](http://bible.com), [youversion.com](http://youversion.com) and [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org).

### Conversation Starter

Describe a project you completed that felt really rewarding.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 2:1-10](#).

1. What did Paul sincerely want for those reading his letter ([vs. 1-2](#))? To what degree have you experienced these things? Explain.
2. Paul says *In Him [Christ] lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge* ([vs. 3](#)). What are several implications of this truth?
3. What does it mean to be *deceived by well-crafted arguments* ([vs. 4](#))?
4. How do you handle times your faith seems to waver back and forth? What steps could you take to strengthen your faith?
5. Paul instructs us to *continue to live in Christ in the same way we originally received Him* ([vs. 6](#)). What does this mean?
6. Verses [6-7](#) teach us that growing in Christ is a process. In what ways are you different now than you were a year ago? What would you love God to change in you this coming year?
7. Paul says that *human thinking and the spiritual powers of this world produce empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense* ([vs. 8](#)). What lies are prevalent in our culture and world today?

8. If we are *complete in our union with Christ*, why do we experience so much stress and striving?
9. In your own words, summarize [Colossians 2:1-10](#).
10. What word, phrase or truth from this passage seems most significant to you personally right now? Why?

Faith is like an empty, open hand stretched out towards God, with nothing to offer and everything to receive. – John Calvin

### Soul Training

Finish this sentence in several ways, then reflect on these truths throughout the week.

Because I am complete in Christ, I \_\_\_\_\_.

### Memory Verse

*For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.*

[Colossians 2:9 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Colossians 2:1-10](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 18:30-36](#)

Day 2: [Proverbs 2:1-8](#)

Day 5: [Luke 4:18-19](#)

Day 3: [2 Peter 1:3-9](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 15, we'll continue the series *Living Changed Lives*.

To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 2:11-15](#).

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email [mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org) or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

