

Ye Are Complete In Him Part Two

Col 2:8-10

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 **And ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

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God created us with a vacuum. That vacuum is our basic needs. Our basic physical needs are food and covering.

We also have basic needs for life in our soul.

Our greatest need is the need to be loved!

This is why Paul said...

Eph 3:19

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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Knowing we are loved meets two other basic needs in our soul.

Knowing we are loved makes us feel significant and secure.

**To be complete in Christ means that God has met this basic
need for love thru His Son!**

God has filled this vacuum thru Christ!

It feels great to be loved by others but we do not need to be loved by others to be complete.

Ye are complete in Him!

This promise is for all those who are children of God but you need it the most when...

You have lost a loved one.

You are having difficulties in your marriage.

You have parents that are divorced.

You have a child has rejected your love and protection.

You have in laws that judge you.

You are lonely.
You are dying.
You are feeling unloved and rejected by those you love most.

Last Sunday, many of you came to the altar. You had seen thru the message your need to depend on Christ to meet the need for love in your soul. Some of you repented for expecting others to do what only Christ can do for you. You repented for making other people into idols.

I hope that you experienced the love of God this week and that others were able to see a difference in the way that you treated them. When you do not depend on others to meet this need in your life, it makes you grateful for the times they show you they love you. This promise gives you the strength to love others when they disappoint you.

When a man or a woman has this need for love met in God, it affects their personality.

They are hard pressed but not crushed.

They are perplexed but not in despair.

They are rejected but do not lose heart.

They are struck down but not destroyed.

They are confident but not arrogant.

They are bold but not obstinate.

They are honest about their sins but not condemned.

They are responsible but not fearful of the future.

If you love God or you are seeking God, you want to be around people like this. You sense something about their personality that gives you strength and faith.

I want to take a moment and tell you practically how you can claim this promise that you are complete in Christ. You will have to be very intentional about this or you will keep going back to your old ways.

Now you are complete in Christ. God has met your need to be loved thru His Son.

- To claim this promise, you must do away with every argument that would cause you to look someone else to feel this need.
2 Cor 10:5

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

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As long as you entertain arguments it will cause such unbelief that you will not receive the promise. A man once said to me, but God cannot hold me. If being held was necessary to meet this need in you, then God would hold you. The revelation of the love of God to our heart is so powerful that it is better than being physically held. Once you have had this revelation you should never again use this argument. Because of God's love, David danced with his own shadow without any regard for who was watching. It was only when David forgot this truth that he felt irresistibly compelled to fall into the arms of another. If he had only remembered the love of God and danced alone that night.

- You need to know on the verses of scripture that reveal this promise so that you can meditate on them.

Josh 1:8-9

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

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You cannot experience any bible promise without meditating on scripture. Meditation means reflection. You need to know where this promise is found in the bible so that you can turn to those scripture or you have them memorized.

You cannot reflect on what you do not know.

- You need to know songs about this promise.

Col 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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You need to be able to remember these songs when times are tough and your disappointment is the greatest. This is why God told me during one of my darkest hours, "Rediscovery Praise."

- You need to learn to bring your complaints to God but then turn to this truth.

Ps 22:1-5

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

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It is not always possible to immediately feel what you know you should feel. You need to confess your feelings to God. But then you need to affirm the promise whether you feel it or not. Your emotions will always follow what you truly believe about God.

- You need to learn to take time to revel in the love of God.

Lam 3:22-23

22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

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To become dependent upon the love of God, you must be willing to take the time to bask in His love. You cannot be rushed and be renewed in your faith in His love. You must intentionally focus on His love for you thru the Word and thru song until your heart is secure. This may sound selfish but it is not if you understand that you cannot be a vessel that reveals His love to others without this.

- You cannot be an idol to others.

Acts 10:25-26

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

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You cannot allow yourself to be the source of love in any relationship. People want to make idols of things they can see and touch rather than turn to the one true God. You can always tell when you have become some ones idol because they are easily offended by petty things that you do or you do not do. You must kindly refuse and direct them to the only one who can satisfy their soul. This will serve them and strengthen you.

Ye are complete in Christ. It is only by doing these things intentionally that you will be able to claim this promise. You must be very intentional or you will drift away.

It is not until you are experiencing this truth that you are prepared for the future. Perhaps you have never known the pain of personal rejection by the people you love most.

Perhaps you have never lost a friend that could fill your vacuum in such a meaningful way that you cannot imagine life without them. You will. You need to be prepared.

Ye are complete in Christ. It is time for you to receive the promise and become intimately acquainted with Christ. This means you must count every other relationship as insufficient to meet your need and even be willing to lose it for the sake of knowing Christ.

Are you willing?