



[FILL 'ER UP, JESUS]

A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

“Freedom in Fullness”

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Sermon Outline Notes

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. *John 10:10*

Jesus Fills us Up FOR THE PURPOSE OF FREEDOM

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. John 8:36 NLT

I. Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Freedom in Fullness IS FOUND AS WE MATURE IN CHRIST

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:8-11

II. Colossians 2:8-10

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Freedom in Fullness IS LOST WHEN WE SEEK OUR IDENTITY IN ANYTHING OTHER THAN CHRIST

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.” Mark 7:5-8

III. Colossians 2:11-15

¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ,¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Freedom in Fullness PROTECTS US FROM SHAME & EXCLUSION BY PROVIDING TRUE ACCEPTANCE

The Father gives me the people who are mine. Every one of them will come to me, and I will always accept them. John 6:37 NCV

IV. Colossians 2:16-23 - Judgment and Disqualification

¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.¹⁸ Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you. Such a person also goes into great detail about what they have seen; they are puffed up with idle notions by their unspiritual mind.¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.²⁰ Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules:²¹ “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? ²² These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.²³ Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their

false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

**Freedom in Fullness GIVES US CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD
BREAKING THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT & DISQUALIFICATION**

There is a sure way for us to know that we belong to the truth. Even though our inner thoughts may condemn us with storms of guilt and constant reminders of our failures, we can know in our hearts that in His presence God Himself is greater than any accusation. He knows all things. 1 John 3:19-20 VOICE