

Questions to Consider--Homework-Lesson 9-Colossians 2:8-15—Are we Complete in Christ Alone?

1. (a) Read Colossians 2:1-15. According to these verses, why is Christ sufficient? (b) What other verses come to your mind when you think of our sufficiency in Christ alone?

2. Memorize Colossians 2:10.

3. (a) What did Jesus say was the danger of keeping traditions, according to Matthew 15:1-9 and Mark 7:1-13? (b) What did Christ desire instead of their traditions? (c) In Matthew 23, what else did Jesus say about those who are more interested in the outward show of tradition than the inward purification of the heart?

4. (a) According to the following scriptures, what are the differences between outward circumcision and inward circumcision? (You might find it helpful to list the characteristics in two columns on the back of your paper.) Genesis 17:11; Deuteronomy 30:6; Jeremiah 9:25-26; Romans 2:25-29; 1 Corinthians 7:17-19; Galatians 5:1-12; 6:11-15 and Philippians 3:3 (b) Why is outward circumcision unnecessary for salvation? See Acts 15. (c) How could you use what you have just learned to teach someone who thinks outward circumcision, or any other works, are necessary for salvation?

5. (a) In Colossians 2:8 (KJV), Paul warns of the dangers of the “rudiments” of the world (NKJV, “basic principles; NASB, “elementary principles”). In Galatians 4:3 he calls this the “elements of the world.” From Galatians chapter four, answer the following questions: Why was Paul so concerned about this? (b) What is the danger of putting oneself under bondage? (c) What does Paul say is true freedom or liberty?

6. Why is Christ sufficient for the believer as seen in Psalm 84:11; Romans 8:32; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 3:21-23; Colossians 2:3, 10 and Peter 1:3?

7. (a) Using discretion, recall a time that you or someone else you know got caught up in philosophy, legalism, traditions of men, or the like. What was the result? (b) What did you or they learn? (Please avoid using names here unless you’re sharing about yourself.)

8. What are some modern-day forms of philosophy, vain deceit, traditions of men, and rudiments of the world?

9. (a) What does it mean to you personally that “you are complete in Him?” (b) Is that truth evident in your life, or would others say, “She needs Christ plus something else?”

10. Please examine yourself before the Lord, asking Him if your life is demonstrating that He alone is sufficient. After thorough examination, please write a prayer request based on what God has revealed to you.