

Christ Church Clifton Sermon Notes & Questions



Series: Full, free and alive! Colossians
Passage: Col 2:6-15 All you need is Christ.
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All you need is Christ read Col 2:6-15

Corrie ten Boom quote,

You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have."

Today's passage All you need is Christ, you have got all you need so get on with it, you already have Christ so now live your life accordingly, you don't need anything else, v 6,7 sum up entire letter to Colossians, Christology and practical teaching, you have all you need in Christ so get on with it,

All you need is Christ, (to tune of all you need is love!) , read Col 2:6-15

1. To continue to live in him
2. So don't be led astray
3. He brings fullness
4. All our sins are forgiven and dealt with

1. Read v6,7 as you received Jesus Christ, so..... 4 things follow, Continue, rooted, built up, thankful, Image of faith like riding a bike, keep going forward or fall off, grow deep roots, be strengthened, and thankful, what builds us up? Years of walking in faith, quiet times, listening, feeding, meditating on God's word in Bible reading, worship, many services attended, but also practice outworking of faith, built up so can cope with hard times, and be thankful, keeps heart soft, all you need is Christ.

2. Read 8, in Message translation *Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ.* Don't be led astray or deluded in your faith, all you need is Christ. Historically, arguments about Jewish traditions, like circumcision, but modern times, prosperity gospel, or New Age pseudo Christian teaching, added requirements, superstitions like touch wood, all you need is Christ, no other intermediary to reach God.

3. Read v9-12, key verse is v9, expansion of 1v19. ⁹*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,* ¹⁰*and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.* The fullness of the deity the divine essence lives, (present tense) in Christ, in bodily form Jesus is the visible expression of God in bodily form. Jesus is God in flesh. Christ is completely utterly divine and completely human not a demigod, half and half. The divine fullness is in Christ; believers are filled in him so we have everything we need in Christ. We are fulfilled in him; he is all we need. No other person. Jesus is head over everything, all power and authority in him, so logically if we live in Him we can do the things He did in power of His spirit. See John 14:12. All you need is Christ.

4. Read v13-15 Paul's argument about circumcision or a mark of initiation is if you want an initiation ceremony, look back at your baptism, dead and buried then raised to new life, symbols of going in under water and out again. (Remember Jewish teachers wanted to add extra requirement to new Christians) v13 God made you alive with Christ, he forgave us all our sins. Powerful imagery of the charge sheet fixed to the cross detailing your crimes, our charge sheets, every sin I have committed, long piece of paper, nailed

to cross but debt was cancelled by his death and resurrection –we are forgiven! Atoned, set free, all we need is Christ

Summary All you need is Christ, when church is shut, group cannot meet in person, when pandemic strikes, when normal life resumes all you need is Christ, nothing more or less.

We need to continue keep going forward, If fallen off our bikes get up and get back on.

Christ is all you need, don't need extra special requirements or rules, can go straight to God through Jesus, no intermediary needed. All fullness of Godhead dwells in Jesus he is all we need. All our sins are forgiven. All you need is Christ, Christ is all you need

Questions for study:

Optional starter When lockdown started what did you find you needed and really didn't need?

1. Read Col 2 v 6-15, why is the title " All you need is Christ" a good summary of the passage?
2. What 4 things follow as we have received Jesus Christ as Lord? V6,7
3. Analogy of faith is like riding a bike, how are you doing slow, fast, or fallen off at present? Can you stand still? What helps you put down deep roots? Builds up and Strengthen your faith?
4. What difference does someone overflowing with thankfulness make to their own life and to others?
5. Read v8,9 (Message version helps) what things can delude us today? how can we beware?
6. Read Col 1v19 again then Col 2v 9,10, what do we learn about Jesus Christ? What are the implications of all the fullness of Deity living in Christ mean for us?
7. Read v13-15 then reread v13b and simply meditate on the long list of all your sins being nailed to cross, like the notice of crime put on cross, atoning them, wiping them put, dealing with the debt and punishment due. How do you help some who doesn't feel God will ever forgive them their sins?
8. All you need is Christ, so what difference will it make to me tomorrow? When lockdown ends and normal life resumes?