

# BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: CHRIST -- ALL YOU NEED

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## The BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW 'story' or 'progressive narrative':

### CREATION

Genesis 1-2  
infinite God  
(holy)



### FALL

Genesis 3  
finite man  
(sinful)



### REDEMPTION

Rest of Bible  
God's grace  
(forgiveness)



### GLORY

Book of Revelation, et al  
shared glory!  
(salvation)

## Colossians 2

*1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. 5 For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.*

*6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

*8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

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### CONTEXT/SETTING:

Paul is writing to the Christians at Colossae about the fact that Christ is Lord over all creation and that He has secured their redemption from sin and death.

The truth of Christ was being mixed with pre-Christ Judaism and local pagan mysticism.

- special Sabbath observances
- Jewish festival observances
- preoccupation with visions
- worship of angels
- asceticism (self-harm for spirituality)
- Greek philosophies
- powerful deceivers/false teachers

### SOME KEY OBSERVATIONS:

**1) You can have all the understanding, knowledge and wisdom you could ever want! vs. 1-3**

- all that your soul hungers for is yours
- all that your mind wonders about is yours
- all that your life demands is yours

**2) EVERYTHING you need and seek is found in a person; Jesus Christ.**  
vs 2-3, 9-10, 13-15

**3) A WARNING: Don't be deceived by the things around you.** vs 4, 8, 16, 23

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**13** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. **15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**16** Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. **17** These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. **18** Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, **19** and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**20** If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— **21** “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” **22** (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? **23** These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

### 4) Simply continue with what you were originally taught! vs 6-7

*just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk in him*

- do not add anything
- do not remove anything

### 5) Notice the importance of the body of Christ in this instruction.

vs 2 and 19

- individualism is dangerous
- deception and delusion come easy
- we grow together and Christ is our head