

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, February 1, 2026



sermon: "Walking in Freedom" Part 1 - Colossians 2:8-15

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I. Freedom from Captivity (v. 8)

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1. Human tradition (cf. Mk. 7:6-9) – These are teachings that are grounded in human ideas rather than God's Word.
 2. Elemental spirits (cf. Eph. 6:12) – The source behind these false teachings is not Christ, but fallen demonic powers.
- B. Paul's goal is to prevent us from being robbed of the true treasures and blessings we have in Christ by foolish ideas and fancy talk that trap people in spiritual bondage (vv. 8-10).

II. Fullness in Christ (vv. 9-10)

- A. In Christ, we lack nothing. Contrary to what false teachers may claim, Jesus alone is more than sufficient. In Messiah Jesus:
1. We see final authority (vv. 9-10 cf. Matt. 28:18; Jn. 3:35) – As creator and sustainer, Jesus rules over all things.
 2. We have fullness of spiritual life (cf. Jn. 10:10) – Jesus provides us all we need for righteousness and salvation.

III. Fellowship with Christ (vv. 11-12)

- A. In the OT, circumcision was an outward mark that identified those in God's covenant community (cf. Gen. 17:11), but in Christ our circumcision is one of the heart (cf. Phil. 3:3). This is the righteousness Jesus imparts to us when we place our faith in Him. Our identity is in Christ (cf. Phil. 3:8-9; Gal. 2:20).

IV. Forgiven through Christ (vv. 13-15)

- A. Simply put, Jesus did for us what we were powerless to do for ourselves: He saved us. Jesus took upon Himself all our sin, and placed on us His righteousness. Jesus has triumphed and set us free (cf. Rom. 5:6-8; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- B. Jesus alone is our sure path to spiritual freedom. Therefore, do not let anyone take you captive with foolish or fancy talk.

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