

# THEME

*Colossians 2:10*

For in him dwelleth  
all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And **YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM**,  
which is the head of all principality and power  
Colossians 2:9-10



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The church at Coless had Greeks, Jewish, Circumcision, uncircumcision, Barbarian, Synthian, bond and free believers.

There was a danger for the believers of the wrong teaching on how to be complete or perfect:

1. Greek asceticism
2. Jewish philosophy

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Paul wanted them to know that the fulness dwells in Christ and all the believers are complete in Him (Colossians 2:9-10) and live accordingly.

1. Some people were not complete in Christ,
2. Some believers were complete, but they do not know about it,
3. Some other believers were complete in Christ and know about it but not living accordingly.

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## 1. **Lest any man beguile you with enticing words (Colossians 2:4)**

Beguile - Deceive.

Entice - Persuasive language.

Every new believer, new family or a new church is in danger of being enticed (Simple people were targetted with such words (Romans 16:18):

1. Proverbs 1:10 - Sinners entice
2. Deut 13:6-8 - Prophet, dreamer entice
3. Judges 14:15, 16:5 - Woman , Delilah
4. James 1:14 - Lure, entrap (it is like a bait used to catch fish)

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Example: Satan in the garden of Eden

Genesis 3: 1-7 Now the serpent was more **subtil** than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, **hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the **fruit of the tree** which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

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What is the danger beguiling or enticing for us now?

1. Danger of doubting the word of God
2. Danger of being lead to sin
3. Danger of having substitutes to Christ

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Is the Bible is true?

1. Unity of the authors and the theme
2. Testimonies
3. The Life and the Power
4. Fulfilled prophecies
5. Historical and Archeological evidences

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## 2. **Beware lest any man spoil (loot you or carry you captive)**

Philosophy and Vain deceit:

Tradition of men - Jewish Asceticism

Tradition of men - Matthew 15:3-9, 10-11; Mark 7: 7-9; 21-22

Rudiments of the world - Greek Asceticism (Colossians 2:20-22)

Shew of wisdom in will worship in voluntary humility

Neglecting the body (Punishing the body)

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How can the modern philosophy and asceticism can spoil us?

1. Man-made doctrines or teachings
2. Superstitions
3. Religion but no relationship with God

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3. **Let no man judge you** (Referee, declaring that you have lost even though you won)
  - Ceremonial practices

OT sacrificial system and ceremonial practices are very attractive. They are only the shadow, but the body (reality) is in Christ.

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Are you struggling with guilt and shame?

For **godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation** not to be repented of:  
but the **sorrow of the world worketh death.**

For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort,  
what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.