

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

Introduction: The deity of Jesus Christ is vital to Christians because He lives in them and shares His majesty and glory with them. If He were not in the Godhead, Christians would truly be impoverished. But in His body all the fullness of the Godhead dwells permanently so that Christians are complete in Him and marvelously enriched by Him. "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily: And you are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principalities and power." (Colossians 2:9-10)

Lesson Aim: Know the full benefit of having Jesus Christ, the fullness of God, living in them.

Memory Verse: "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily: And you are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principalities and power." (Colossians 2:9-10)

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. Concern of Paul — 2:1-5**

1. How did Paul respond to a problem that two churches had with a cult? 2:1, 4; 1:29
2. How did Paul want to encourage the believers' hearts? 2:2

3. What treasures are hidden in Christ? 2:3

II. Conduct of the Believers — 2:6-7

4. What should a person do after receiving Christ? 2:6-7

III. Completeness in Christ — 2:8-10

5. How do cults rob believers? 2:8 They do it through _____ and _____ deceit, after the _____ of men, after the principles of the _____, not after _____.
6. What is true about Christ? 2:9 In Him _____ the _____ of the _____ bodily.
7. How does Christ's deity affect believers? 2:10

IV. Conversion by Christ — 2:11-15

8. What circumcision is done by Christ to believers when they are saved? 2:11; Eph 4:22
9. How does God give life to people who are spiritually dead in their sins? 2:13
10. What does God do with the certificate of debt that was against a person that receives Christ? 2:14
11. What has Christ done to angelic principalities and powers that were against Him? 2:15

V. Correction of the Heresies — 2:16-23

12. What ritualistic laws of the Old Testament are practiced by some, but are no longer in effect? 2:16
13. Why are these ritualistic laws no longer in effect? 2:17
14. What is wrong with the worship of angels? 2:18-19
15. What is wrong with asceticism? 2:20-23

Believers are _____ with _____ from the rules of the _____.

It is based on the _____ and _____ of _____.

It has no value in _____ the desires of the _____.