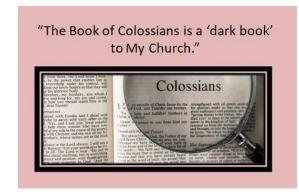
PDF NOTES:

The New Creation Woman Lesson 21: You have come to fullness of life IN HIM

Colossians: the Conclusion of the Whole Matter



I had a dream one time, and in this dream I was getting up to preach to my congregation.
When I opened my Bible to the book of
Colossians, all the pages were dark and I could not see what they said. I was totally shocked!
I said Lord, this is strange.....what does this mean?

He said:

"The Book of Colossians is a dark book to the Church. What is written therein is a mystery to them. They do not know the revelation contained therein."

Since that time I have taken a good look at this 'dark book'.

The entire theme is the Preeminence of Christ.....

Today in the church, because people do not completely see the surpassing greatness of this Person we call our Savior, Baptizer, Healer and Coming King. Many things are being substituted for His Power and Person in our lives because we do not 'see' that He is the All-Sufficient One for our every need.



Consider what the following verses are really saying!!!!

Colossians 2:9-10

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

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: KJV

10 So you have everything when you have Christ, and you are filled with God through your union with Christ. He is the highest Ruler, with authority over every other power. The Living Bible

10 You have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Revised Standard Version

Colossians 2:8-10

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

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Col 2:8-10

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority. New American Standard Updated

Here are some readings from the Book of Colossian in the Message Bible from. The writer issues the warning so well: be careful that nothing distracts you from the revelation of Who Christ is IN US and TO US!

The Message Bible

Colossians Introduction

"It is quite common for those who consider Jesus truly important to include others who seem to be equally important in His company.....Buddha, Moses, Socrates, etc., for a historical start, along with some other favorites. For these people, Jesus is important, but not central; his prestige is considerable, but he is not pre-eminent.

The Christians in the town of Colosse, or at least some of them, seem to have been taking this line. For them, cosmic forces of one sort or another were getting equal billing with Jesus. Paul writes to them in an attempt to restore Jesus, the Messiah, to the center of their lives.

To Paul, Christ occupies the center of creation and salvation without peers.

Chapter 1 Christ Holds It All Together

"We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels. Everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning....he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe---people and things, animals <u>and</u> <u>atoms</u>---get properly fixed and fit together <u>in vibrant harmonies</u>, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the Cross.

Chapter 2

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery! I'm telling you this

because I don't want anyone leading you off on some wild good chase, after other so-called mysteries, or 'the Secret'.

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master: now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it!

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. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to Him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

Don't tolerate people who try to run your life, ordering you to bow and scrape, insisting that you join in their obsession with angels and that you seek out visions. They're a lot of hot air, that's all they are. They're completely out of touch with the source of life, Christ, who puts us together in one piece, whose very breath and blood flow through us. He is the Head and we are the body. We can grow up healthy in God only as He nourishes us.

Chapter 3

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ---that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life.

-kill off everything connected with the way of death.
- ...the life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God.

Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

(You were) chosen by God for this new life of love. Regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

<u>Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house.</u> Give it plenty of room in your lives.

Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives....words, actions, whatever....be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

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As a woman, you can say:

"As a woman, my roles in this life will soon be past, and it's only what I do for the King that will last."
"I will serve God with my spirit in the gospel of His Son"!

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Woman of God,
You've been Redeemed!
Woman of God,
Called, chosen, highly esteemed.
Forward in power,
Planting good seed,
Woman of God,
This is the hour,
In Jesus you're free!
(written by Daisy Osborne)

