



# Guarded Yet Complete in Christ

Colossians 2:8-15

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## Be on Guard

◆ **Christians must be \_\_\_\_\_ against being \_\_\_\_\_ by false teaching.** (v.8; 2 Peter 2:1-2; 1 John 4:1; Jude 4; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Matt. 7:15-16a; 1 Tim. 6:20-21)

➤ *How could I fall or be led astray?*

- By considering teaching that preaches a way of salvation other than through the \_\_\_\_\_.
- By failing to reject any teaching that takes away from Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_.
- By seeking truth from anything that conflicts with, adds to, or takes \_\_\_\_\_.
- By defining God according to \_\_\_\_\_ instead of seeing God according to Scripture.

## Jesus Is The Only Answer

◆ **Christians must see \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ has done for them and \_\_\_\_\_ in Him as the all-sufficient Savior, as absolute Truth, and as victorious Lord.** (vv. 8b-15)

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ God and fully man. See Him as completely \_\_\_\_\_ for your life.
- Jesus fully \_\_\_\_\_ you and made you \_\_\_\_\_ in God's sight.
- Jesus is THE Authority and nothing or no one is over Him. He is your \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation and truth.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ your old, sinful nature into a new creation in Him. Your old nature has been ultimately \_\_\_\_\_.

• The change in your life (salvation) is totally a \_\_\_\_\_, and you are saved by grace through faith. Works, including baptism, do not save.

• Before salvation, you were \_\_\_\_\_ in your sin. You were not in a relationship with God. God, in His grace, \_\_\_\_\_ you of your sin.

• You now will be with Him \_\_\_\_\_! You are forgiven and in His family!

➤ Before we were changed by Christ and forgiven of sin, we were overcome with the \_\_\_\_\_ and in a \_\_\_\_\_ situation. The Cross changed it all for us!

◆ **Christians should live in \_\_\_\_\_, in joy, and in confidence.**

➤ But we must \_\_\_\_\_ in Him and be fully confident in Him because of the work of Christ on the \_\_\_\_\_!

➤ Jesus is victorious over the devil, over all forces of darkness, over sin, over all evil, and over death. \_\_\_\_\_! And we win with Him.

## Application to Us:

- ① \_\_\_\_\_ your mind and heart. Be in His Word. \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and His work.
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ God. Don't be a weak, puny Christian. We serve a \_\_\_\_\_ that wants us to walk in big faith.
- ③ If you are saved by His grace, lay aside all guilt, all shame, and \_\_\_\_\_ in His salvation. \_\_\_\_\_ in full surrender to Him.
- ④ If you are not saved by His grace, \_\_\_\_\_ as the only way of salvation.