

COMPLETE IN CHRIST - #4
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COLOSSIANS 2:8-10 TPT

- * Paul warns them about false teachers who taught something needed added to complete their salvation. Beware means to keep a watchful eye or be constantly watching out.
- * Paul says we are complete in Christ alone, and nothing needs to be added to His finished works. Our wholeness is not dependent on our actions. It's dependent on what Christ has done, not us. Human philosophies aren't needed to make us whole.

Physical Wholeness

MATTHEW 9:22; 12:13; 15:28, 31 Whole means entirely well.

MARK 3:5; 5:28, 34 Whole, no missing parts.

LUKE 6:10; 7:10; 8:48; 17:19

JOHN 5:6, 14-15; 7:23

ACTS 4:9-10; 9:34 Nothing needed added to what was done.

Spiritual Wholeness

JOHN 1:16

- * When we got saved, we received the fullness of Christ. When our human spirit was recreated by Christ, it was made completely whole, with no missing parts. Just as physically whole people don't need medicine, spiritually whole people don't need human philosophies, Jewish ceremonies, pagan mysticism, asceticism or anything else to make them whole.

2 PETER 1:2-4

The moment we accept Christ, we are made partakers of His divine nature and given all things pertaining to life and Godliness. We get a clean heart, a new spirit, spiritual soundness and wholeness. Spiritually, we are complete.

COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

- * Paul lists three aspects of our completeness.
 - 1.) Complete salvation (11-12). The Jews had two views of circumcision: have the operation and you're in. The second view was, it was an outward mark of a man committed to God. **ROMANS 2:25, 28-29** Christ circumcised the heart and cut away everything that was sinful. We have a new heart. **ROMANS 7:22-24** Paul speaks of two laws: the law of God after the inward man, and the law of sin in the outward man. Paul cries out for deliverance from the body of death--alluding to an ancient custom of tyrants who bound a dead body to a living man until he died. **ROMANS 7:25-8:2** Christ does!
 - 2.) Complete forgiveness (13-14). We all are dead in sin. Jews had a covenant, but Gentiles were hopeless (**EPHESIANS 2:11-13**). "But God" **EPHESIANS 2:4-7** Christ nailed every offense to the cross and branded us "completely forgiven". **ACTS 13:38-39; HEBREWS 8:10-13; 10:16-17** God doesn't remember our sin. We are completely forgiven!
 - 3.) Complete victory (15). Jesus arose victorious, triumphing over every principality and power of darkness. He disarmed authorities and put them to an open shame. **HEBREWS 2:14-15** He destroyed the devil and delivered us and gave us power over all the power of the enemy. **LUKE 10:19-20, ROMANS 8:37**

CONCLUSION:

In Christ, we are complete. We have complete salvation, complete forgiveness and complete victory. Christ did the work and allows us to enforce His victory.