

Theme 1: Paul's Solution to False Doctrine (Colossians 2:1-8)

Colossians 2 life application: verse 1

1. Christians should have a burden for other Christians who are in need.
2. Christians should stand in the gap and intercede for other Christians.
3. Christians should help get back on track if they are drifting away from the foundational principles of Christianity.
4. We should be watchful about the Christian doctrines we accept into our belief system.

Colossians 2 life application: verse 2

1. The Unshakeable Christians formula is Encouraged hearts + Christians knit together in Love + full assurance and understanding of the mystery of Christ = Unshakeable Christian.
2. Every Christian should work towards keeping the unshakeable Christian formula at the core of their belief system.

Colossians 2 life application: verse 3

1. All the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge of the mystery in the Father and Christ are available to Christians.
2. Satan does not like Christians to walk in the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, so he does everything possible to manipulate Christians with false doctrine.

Colossians 2 life application: verses 4-7

1. Every Christian should walk in Christ, be rooted and built up in Christ, establish in the faith, abound in faith, and live a life of thanksgiving.
2. Every Christians should be cautious about worldly philosophy and misrepresentation of the truth.

Colossians 2 life application: verse 8

1. The world's belief system sounds intelligent and may make sense to the natural brain, but they lead the people astray and away from Jesus as the center of their belief system.
2. All that Christians need is Jesus and nothing more.

Theme 2: How does Fullness in Christ as the Godhead manifests in a Christian's life? (Colossians 2:9-19)

Colossians 2 life application: verses 9-10

1. Jesus is THE ONE and ONLY God who can save humanity.
2. Jesus is the Godhead of all Christianity
3. Christians are complete in Him.

Colossians 2 life application: verses 11-12

1. Once we are born again, we need to unlearn some traditions learned from our past.
2. We should work towards circumcising our hearts by receiving and living by Loving God with all our hearts, soul, and minds. Also, by loving people the way God loves them.

Colossians 2 life application: verses 13-15

1. Before the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, we were all dead.
2. Jesus's sacrifice on the cross made us alive in Christ.
3. Jesus' sacrifice nailed the handwriting of requirements against us on the cross that wiped out and forgave our sins.
4. God loved us so much that he gave His son a ransom for our sins.
5. Jesus' resurrection made a public spectacle for satan and his followers by triumphing over death and triumphed over sin.
6. Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection disarmed the weapons of the principalities of this world, so they have no power over us anymore.

Colossians 2 life application: verses 16-19

1. Religious and legalistic things of this world, like food and drink, have no contribution towards attaining salvation.
2. The actual substance is in Christ and not in any rituals to follow.
3. Christians are to be vigilant of any doctrine telling us otherwise.
4. Through Jesus, we can boldly go to the throne room of grace and do not need any mediators.
5. Christians should hold on to Jesus as the Godhead, and we, His body, are nourished and knit together in joints and ligaments. As a result, we grow WITH the increase in the wisdom that comes down from Him.

Theme 3: Paul's Encouragement to the Issues of the Colossian Church (Colossians 2:20-23)

1. Christians are now heavenly beings dead and raised with Christ through baptism. Therefore we are not subject to the regulations of this world.
2. Humans cannot earn salvation or reach God by following carnal steps which look wise according to the world's regulations.