

Colossians 2:8-23 • Christ the Head

1. (v.8-15) The result of being “*in Him*”:
 - a. We are made **complete** (v.10a; cf. Eph 1:3)
 - b. We have a **leader** who is over all rule and authority, personally as well as universally (v.10b; cf. Eph 1:21)
 - c. We are part of a new covenant people (circumcision of the **heart**), with all its blessings, including **eternal** life and the promise of **heaven** (v.11a)
 - d. Our flesh has been **crucified** with Christ (v.11b)
 - e. We have **died** to our old nature (v.12a; cf. Rom 6:6)
 - f. We have been given a position with **Christ** in the heavenlies (v.12b; cf. Eph 2:6)
 - g. We have been made **alive** with Him (spiritual life; promise of resurrection; v.13a)
 - h. Our sins have been **forgiven** (v.13b)
 - i. We have **protection** from the Accuser (v.14a)
 - j. The curse against us has been **nailed** to the cross (v.14b; cf. Gal. 3:13)

2. (v.16-23) When we do not “*hold fast to the head*” (Christ), **something else** takes His place.