



### God's estimate of things

**Colossians 2:9 - 10** <sup>9</sup>*For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;* <sup>10</sup>*and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

#### Words of Ministry

Do we live with God's estimation of things? How does God see my problems? How does He see me? How does He see what I am walking through, feeling, or struggling with? We all have our own estimation of things. But are they correct? Or better, are our estimations aligned with how God sees things, because only His perspective is one of truth.

Colossians 2:9-10 is a beautiful verse in explaining God's view of everything important to Him. In this verse we capture God's attitude about two primary matters. The first is that God's focus is first and foremost on His Son as the solution and answer to all needs: *"For in Him (the Son) dwells all the fullness..."* Secondly, this verse tells us what God's mind is towards us: He does not see us in all our many problems and difficulties. He sees us in His Son with all our needs met there: *"and you are complete in Him..."* With these two frames of reference, we can learn to live an absolutely new life.

If God's estimate of things is centered in His Son so that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him, then who am I to challenge God about what is important in my life? I surely do not want to go after something other than Him. It is God who said that the fullness dwells in His Son. And so that is where all my attention needs to go: to Christ alone. God says He is the answer and solution to everything I need, so where else do I need to go other than to Christ in faith?

We can get so entirely focused on ourselves. But mankind has tried that way of estimating things for over 6000 years -- and it has never worked!

We are trying to perfect our lives. We want to be loving, wise, strong, spiritual, conquering our problems, raised out of everything negative, to be in deep communion with God, etc. But the simple fact is that there is ALREADY a man who is and has done all this! His name is Jesus! And God gave Him to be our life (Col. 3:4). Why try to attain what He already has and is when He is willing to share all His fullness with us! God already made a "perfect" man... and gave His to us as our innermost life so that His Life would be duplicated in *"bringing many sons to glory"* (Heb. 2:10).

Beloved, God's estimate is always with His Son being your answer. Are you going to challenge God's interpretation of your life? Do you think God is wrong and that you need something more than Christ? A better spouse? A better home? A better job? A better environment? Better security? Do not look at your own estimation of things if God has given His verdict. God says, *"In Him dwells all the fullness."* And, *"You have been made complete in Him."* What contentment! What satisfaction! You might be deprived of many things in your outward circumstances. You might even be tested to the limit, but you have a Christ in you who is rich, perfect and all-sufficient. In God's estimation, He is your fullness and your satisfaction.

Because Paul knew Christ as his fullness and his satisfaction, he could be in prison and talk about always rejoicing (Phil. 4:4). He could pray, sing, and praise the Lord in the midst of his suffering, because his understanding was so full and rich with Christ (Acts 16:24-25). The *"full assurance of understanding"* and *"the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord"* were constantly ushering Paul into more and more experiences of Christ in his daily life (Col. 2:2; Phil. 3:7-8).

Beloved, to walk with God means we have to have the vision God has. His eyes are not on a great many things. His eyes only see the Son as the fullness and those same eyes see you as complete in that fullness. We may talk to the Lord about a great many problems, concerns, questions and longings we have, but He still has one answer: *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him..."* Once we come to terms with God's estimation of His Son as our everything, life will become a single focus of Joy!