



## Not being blown around by every “wind of teaching”

**Ephesians 4:14 (NIV)** <sup>14</sup>*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.*

### Words of Ministry

Doctrinal clarity is essential for a healthy spirit. One of the greatest challenges that the apostles encountered in the early church was not sin or worldliness but doctrinal mixture, error and confusion. Many “winds of teaching” came into the churches by the effort of the enemy to distract the believers from their purity, simple and single focus on Christ (2 Cor 11:3). Satan is always tempting believers to either replace Christ with something or to convince us that we need to add something to complete the gospel of Christ.

Beloved, you need Christ, plus... nothing! You don't need anything added to or taken from Him. When you have Christ, you have everything you need. He is our life (Col. 3:4). Apart from Him there is nothing we need to live a strong and clear and free life in the truth of God. What we need is to train our spirit not to be distracted from Him, not to be turned away from Him and not to add things to Him.

When believers do not have a proper focus of Christ, they are always subject to distracting and heretical teachings. Usually these heretical things take the shape of some legalistic teaching or religious teaching that binds them to many forms of self-righteous works and draws them away from grace. Galatians 5:4 says, *“You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have **fallen away from grace.**”* These distracting teachings are very unsettling to our souls. Acts 15:24

says, *“Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, **unsettling your souls**, saying, You must be circumcised and keep the law—to whom we gave no such commandment.”* Legalistic teachings and tones are not focused on Christ and are always unsettling to our souls. Paul calls these teachings a *“wind of teaching”*. They come into the church and draw away believers like strong winds gather things in their gale and blow them away. Only being rooted and grounded in Christ Himself can save us from these kinds of plots.

Beloved to anchor your soul in truth, you need to have the same value system that God has. In this universe, God is preoccupied with Christ alone. It is Christ that must be our emphasis, our focus and our atmosphere. If something else comes in and replaces Christ, regardless of how good it may be, it is a wind of teaching. It may be a good teaching from the Bible, it may be a particular practice, it may be a gift of the Spirit, or it may be an emphasis upon a particular truth. But whatever it may be, if it gets disconnected from the centrality and universality of Christ, it will have the effect of unsettling our soul. Anything that brings us down to any level lower than Christ is not the truth! The church's emphasis and focus must always be Christ.

When you become filled with the full assurance of understanding that Christ is all and in all, you become spiritually solid, just like a rock. Nothing can change or influence you away from the central truth of your soul. Then you will not be susceptible to being blown away by the wind, wondering what direction to should take. Your course is set and your way is clear because you are under God's revelation. Truth is never a matter of speculation, opinion, or experimentation. Christ as the reality of our life is a matter of revelation. Revelation of His Person motivates us! It is our leading! It is our mandate! Once we see the revelation of Christ as our very life, that revelation becomes a mandate to practice the true church life on this earth (Eph. 1:9-10). We have no choice. This revelation is referred to by Paul as *“the command of the eternal God”* (Rom. 16:25-26). The command is made known for the obedience of faith. This is the ultimate outcome of understanding Christ as the central truth of our life—that we rise up to gather together to experience a full and rich Christ for the building up of the church into all His fullness.