

Complete in Christ: Curing the Human Condition

Colossians 2:9-10

Paul exposes the deceptive lie of **false** philosophies through the theme of **emptiness**, and he counters with the **truth** in the theme of **fullness**.

The remainder of the letter is the remedy for the emptiness and deceit which stems from philosophies or worldviews which are not according to Christ. We all suffer from the **empties** to some extent.

The remedy for human empty is:

I. In Him is All the Fullness (Colossians 2:9)

Jesus Christ is the only hope and way for our fullness of life.

Jesus brings God to us and us to God (reconciliation) so that we are made right with God, and our fullness of life is found in a **right relationship** with God.

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- The world's **philosophies and views** of being human, of being helped, of what to hope in, are all vain, empty, and lead to dead ends, because they are not according to Christ.

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- But we are spiritual, our deepest problems are **spiritually rooted**, and our **deepest need** is a spiritual one.

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