The Highest Road to Being Human

Colossians 2

Who are you, Christian?

That's the answer: you are a <u>Christian</u>—a Christ-follower, saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus. Jesus makes you **someone**—entirely-other-than what you were before you trusted Him to forgive you for your sins.

The apostle **Paul**, a sinner who was also saved by grace through faith, lived and died for Jesus because **Jesus first lived and died for Paul**. That was the **measure of Paul's life**; he lived for Jesus and didn't measure himself by himself or by any worldly idea of his own **self-worth**.

I. Fullness (Colossians 2:6a)

"If I am to be buried, it should not be so much because I accept the substitutionary death of another for me as because I am dead myself. Why should a living man be buried? Why should he even be buried because another died on his behalf? My burial with Christ means not only that He died for me, but also that I died in Him, so that my death with Him needs a burial with Him. Jesus died for us because He is one with us."

Charles Spurgeon

Being full in Him means that His triumph over all of the powers and authorities of evil which held you captive, is also your triumph through Him, because Jesus triumphed over evil on your behalf-knowing this, that your old self was crucified with Him, that your body of sin might be done away with, that you should no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin" (Romans 6:6-7).

If you are a Christian your spiritual identity is in HIM!

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:3-4)

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To understand <u>your</u> **purpose** in **this life**, understand <u>Jesus</u>' purpose in the life He lived; you are in Him.

God puts His life in-you, so that His-life can come out of you!

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord"
-that is God's life in you;

"so walk in Him"

-that is **God's life coming out of you**.

And God calls that life coming out of you spiritual **fruitfulness**, or spiritual **faithfulness**, or **obedience** and **good works**.

II. Fruitfulness (Faithfulness) (Colossians 2:6b)

God has given us the highest and fullest of **treasures** in Jesus Christ **living in us**. Our highest road to being human is to seek the **highest honor of Christ** in **everything** we say and do (Col. 3:17). **It's all about Him!**

You've been made complete and full in Christ, so that you can be fruitful and faithful to Christ in all things.

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