

EVERLASTING

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Today I am going to be sharing from Colossians 2:12. I ministered a little bit about this yesterday and I trust that this is going to bless you. We find that the Church in Colossae is under the influence of Jewish people that are telling them that should be circumcised. That there's basically something wrong in their flesh and that the circumcision should take place. Paul then addresses the condition of human flesh and he says that the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus bodily.

So, what he's saying is that these people don't need to be circumcised in the flesh. They don't have to change their flesh because the change that had to come to human flesh has been done in Jesus Christ. The fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus in bodily form so it is about a human body. It is not about the spirit or the soul or any of those kinds of things. The shortcoming that there was, was basically in the human body that the human body needed eternal life. Then it says here that you are in Jesus who is the fullness of the Godhead bodily and that you are complete in Him.

If you go and look at that word, "complete", I would like to read this to you from the Greek. It simply means to be carried into effect; to bring to realization; to realize. In Afrikaans it says, "the saying or a promise or a prophecy that is brought to accomplishment or to fulfillment." Then the Bible says that we are made complete in Him. It means that God's will is caused inside us.

So, when they came to the people, or the Church in Colossae, that they now being the Jewish believers that were still following after the customs of the Jews and following of the law and so forth. He came to them and said to them, "Listen. You are lacking something. You need to be circumcised. You need to have the washings of the body and all those kinds of things following the festivals and so forth." Paul said, "Let me tell you something. The fullness of God dwells in Jesus in bodily form and you are now brought to the completion, or that which God wants to bring forth even in your body is being done by Him. The will of God, the fulfillment of prophecy, that which God willed from before the world began has started to take place and manifest in you as a believer in Jesus. So, you don't need to change anything! The change comes from within. It comes from God and the lack that we have in the physical is brought forth by God. One might say, "How does this look? How is this fullness of the Godhead bodily all about? What weird, strange, talk is this?" It's very simple! When we look at Jesus and we can look at Romans chapter 1, we can see that the Bible says that Jesus was made of a woman under the law.

Romans 1:

2 (Which he had promised before by his prophets in the Holy Scriptures.)

3 Concerning his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (It talks about born of a woman. It refers to Galatians but here we see in Romans it says that Jesus Christ was made of the seed of David. He was a physical descendant of David according to His physical body. And this man that was a descendant of David was) **4 declared to be the Son of God with power (authority), according to the spirit of holiness (or the Holy Spirit), by the resurrection from the dead:**

So, we find that Jesus was born of the seed of David. We know that He was born of Mary and He was seen as the Son of David. But then He was declared the Son of God. When the body, that was in the lineage of David, died but was physically raised from the dead. So, the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus bodily. In which body? In the body that was raised from the dead and glorified to the point that the fullness of God manifests in His body. So many times, we think of salvation just of the spirit, the spirit is now born again. But the true new birth is that of the whole, complete, man, a son of God where we rise up and our flesh is saved. Our flesh receives the life of God!

Romans 8:

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwell in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

That, basically, means that since we are under the power of the resurrection, we are not enslaved anymore to sin that is in the flesh. But we have now become the slaves of righteousness where the life of God manifests in us and through us because of the life and the power that God gives us in Jesus Christ, and that is why we are living holy lives.

So, I want to encourage you with this short word today and I want to say to you that you are a son of God. It might not yet appear. You might not see in your body that you are an immortal son but I want to tell you that Jesus Christ, prior to His resurrection, was called the Son of God. Who He was, was not yet revealed but God came and raised Him from the dead. When God raised Jesus from the dead and showed the fullness of God in Him, bodily, He was declared and manifested for who He truly was according to the Father. In the very same way, I want to tell you today call God Abba. You call Him Father. He is not the Father of your spirit. He is your Father and He has come and poured out His Spirit on your flesh and He has now, since the fullness of the God dwelt in him bodily, brought you to completion or brought you to the place where what He prophesied and spoke to you from before the world began, starts to come into manifestation.

Just rest in His goodness and in His love.