

COLOSSIANS 2:8-10

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DON'T BE
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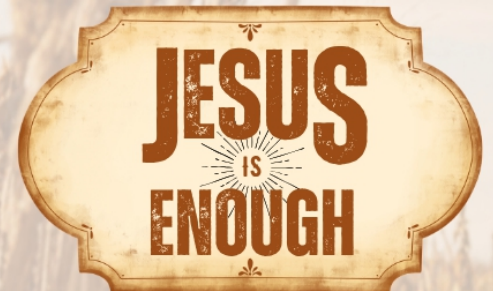
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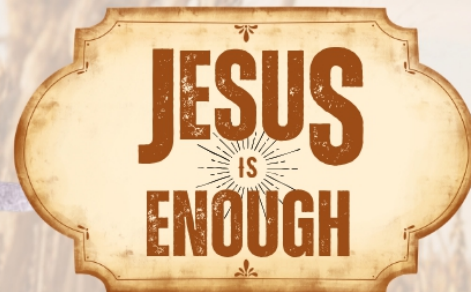
...Christ in you, the hope of glory.

COLOSSIANS 1:27



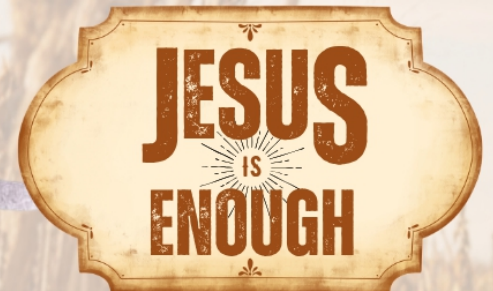
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THE CHURCH
The Body of Christ



THE MYSTERY

We are **joined** to Jesus Christ in a spiritual union that allows Him to live His life through us.

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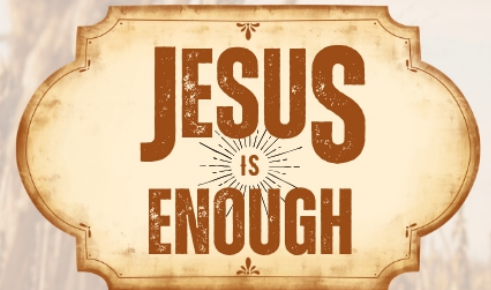
For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:11

The Jesus who did it all in your Christian birth...

Is the **same** Jesus who will do it all in your walk!

He is ABLE!... He is ENOUGH!



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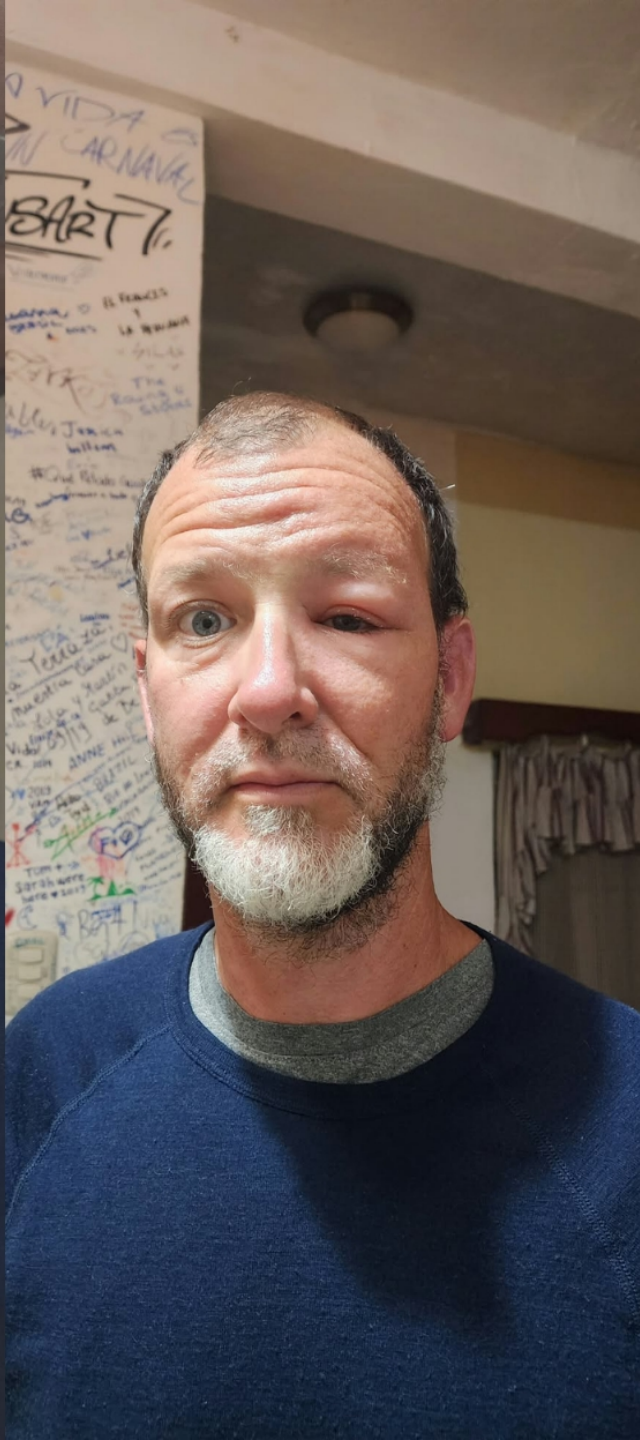
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“There’s something you guys need to look out for!”



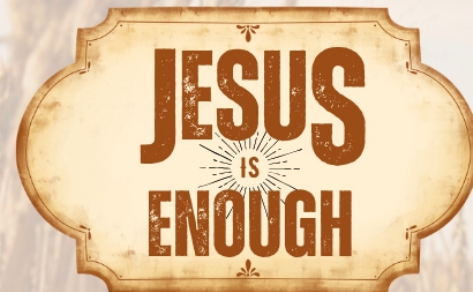
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What you **believe** determines what you **do**.

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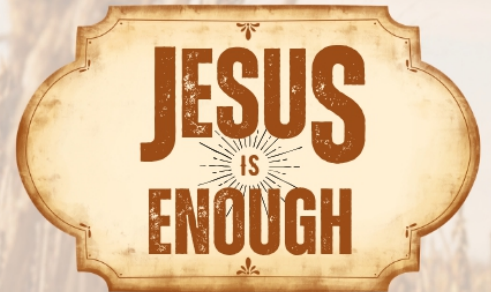
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The risk is being **taken captive** by counterfeit ideas about the Christian life.



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COLOSSIANS 2:8

philosophy

φιλοσοφία

a love of wisdom

trying to systematize knowledge

a way of looking at reality

empty deception

κενῆς ἀπάτης

empty promises

something that sounds good, but

isn't going to deliver

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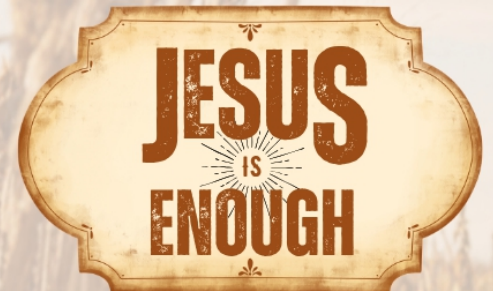
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2. Because they promise what we desire. [empty deceptions]



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according to the elementary
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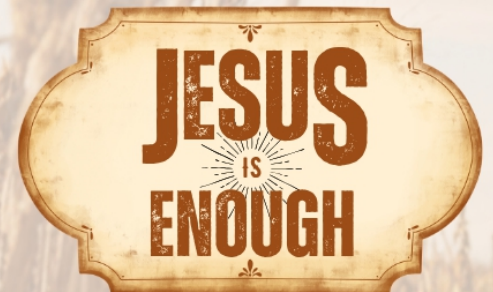
① WHAT IS PAUL WARNING AGAINST?

The “philosophy” and “empty deception” that we’re talking about are related to **man's way** of thinking about things.

They’re the natural result of looking at things from the fallen human viewpoint rather than from God’s perspective.

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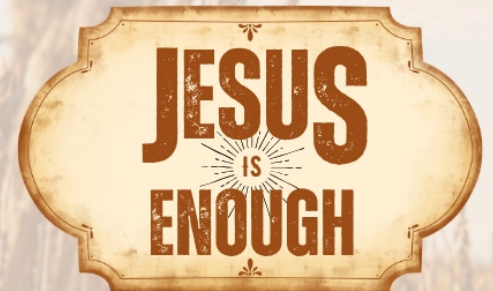
Satan is trying to **undermine** your Christian life.

The Christian life is lived by dependence on Jesus plus **nothing!**



WHY IS IT SO DANGEROUS?

The moment you buy into the idea that your responsibility is more than faith you've stepped off the ground of faith, and you've made the Christian life a matter of faith in Jesus **PLUS** your work.

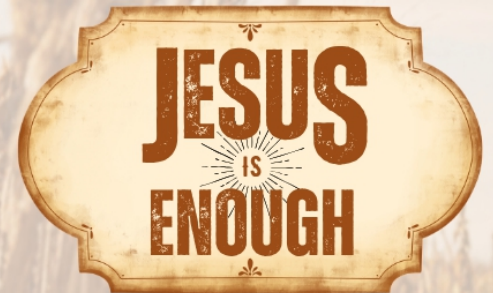


② WHY IS IT SO DANGEROUS?

Any idea that makes the Christian life something other than dependance on the Lord Jesus, is a deception!

The **danger** of buying into these ideas is that they undermine the Christian life.

They always get me busy trying to live a life that I can't live!



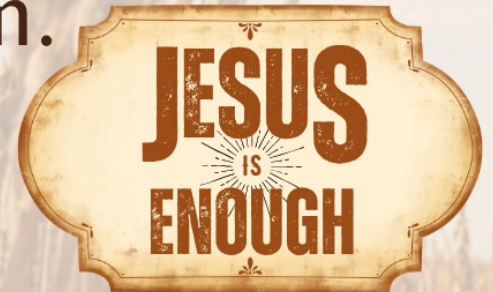
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WHY DO WE NEED THE SAME WARNING?

We're really no **different** than the Colossians.

Man's sin nature has not changed in 2000 years.

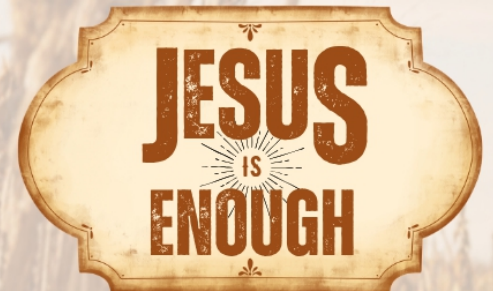
We still have the same disposition.





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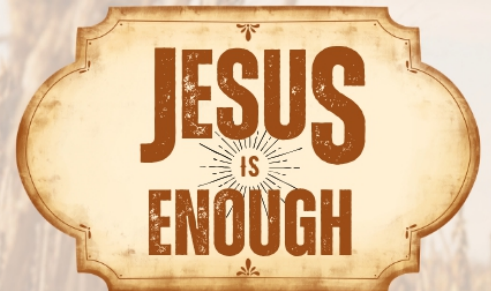
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[Because] in Him all the fullness of Deity
dwells in bodily form,
and in Him you have been made complete,
and He is the head over all
rule and authority;

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10



VERSE 9

*...in Him **all the fullness of Deity** dwells in bodily form.*

If we're going to depend on Jesus to live through us, we have to understand who He is!

If I don't, then I'll always be looking for something to **supplement** my Christian walk.

VERSE 10

...and in Him you have been made complete...

You have been richly or abundantly
supplied!

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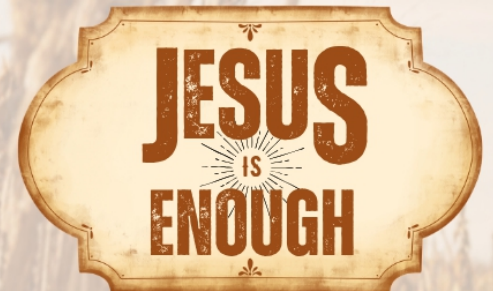
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

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Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God...

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5



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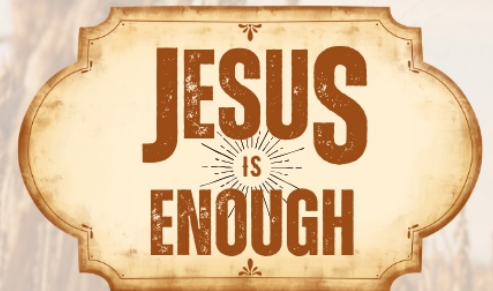
*...and He is the **head** over all rule and authority;*

Being joined to Jesus means we have a
direct connection to God.



Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

1 PETER 1:2-3



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