

We may offer a premature summary at this time and observe that the intelligent Christian must see in these passages both where he is and how he got there. With this he can see the purpose in his calling and this will serve as a directive to his activity.

- e. designated end: vs. 5
- f. means of attainment: vs. 6
- g. Possessed ground: vs. 7-11

(1) redemption////forgiveness vs. 7

(2) will vs. 9

(3) embodiment vs. 10

(4) inheritance vs. 11

h. aim...vs. 12.

i. guarantee...vs. 13-14.

These are all positional. There is no indication that any part of them are not true for all or any believers. They are underwritten throughout by God's will and decree...by the blood of Christ and the sealing of the Spirit. They do serve as guides for believer activity but they are spoken in a completely unconditional fashion. No believer asks for them or seeks them...they are his by virtue of the plan and pronouncement of God.

Our subject is...The Holy Spirit and the Personal Deliverance of Believers. In coming to grips with this the believer must get a glimpse of what is already his. He may be seeking what he already has if he is not careful. Unintelligent believers (as well as casual ones--no matter how much they know) become subject to all manner of prey-taking.

This leads us to the concept of Colossians 2:10 and the next section in our discussion.

2. Practical warnings...addressed to believers...having the theological understanding to know their state of blessing. Colossians 2 We shall particularize three of these but you must remember that the previous summary is very important if they are to have meaning.

- a. Vs. 4...Don't let anyone fool you....the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Christ....and you are complete in him.

(1) the suggested deception

(2) the answer

- b. Vs. 8...Don't let anyone make you his follower..going after his teaching...rather than the teaching of Christ in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and where, incidentally, you are complete.