

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
June 24th, 2018
Colossians 2:9-10

- **Recap:** Last week we looked at the warnings of Paul; beware empty philosophies, traps of the world, and other things that can distract you from Christ!
- **“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,”**
 - This little phrase makes it absolutely clear that divinity dwelled in a human form. The Deity and greatness of God was literally held or housed inside a human frame.
 - So as a result of this, let’s be absolutely clear on how we understand the Deity of Christ’s literally incarnated form:
 - **Modalism.** This was a doctrine largely arose in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, after the church was starting to get established, which basically argues that Christ, the Spirit, and the Father are just different “modes,” or manifestations, of the same individual.
 - **Arianism.** An entire church council, the Council of Nicea in 325, was devoted to handling and condemning this. Arianism teaches that Jesus was created by God, probably soon before the angels, and He is subordinate to God as a created being who can have a beginning and an end.
 - The doctrine of the Trinity is three separate, individual Persons, all with their own thoughts, emotions, etc., but all of the same substance, same “essence,” if you will, and all working in seamless harmony as One Being.
 - **Hebrews 2:8-18**
- **“and you have been filled by him,”**
 - As a believer in Christ, you are filled with the very essence and Holy Spirit of God, Christ is now your all in all. Christ is the one who can fulfill you as a believer, like nothing else in this world will.
 - It is not sinful to seek to be so filled with Christ that you enjoy Him!
- **“who is the head of all rule and authority.”**
 - This is almost perfectly parallel to **Col. 1:15-18**, particularly 18. Notice the preeminence of Christ being rule and authority over you personally, throughout this book.
 - We also understood God the Father gave Him the royal right to be above all things, because of His work on the Cross (**Phil. 2:1-11**).
 - If Jesus is our Lord, we need to understand two things:
 - We must obey our Master. We are bond-slaves, as Paul describes himself.
 - We must rely on Him for obedience, faith, and righteousness. We must pray for that!
- **Conclusion:**
 1. **Application 1: Christ was God in human form. It is critical to the Gospel that we understand Christ correctly, as both God and man.**
 2. **Application 2: Seek to be fulfilled in Christ! If you are filled by Him, you won’t need any worldly things to satisfy you or be so easily moved to foolish traps and evils.**
 3. **Application 3: Seek to submit to your just authority, which is Christ! You won’t be perfect at it, but continually strive towards it!**