“You are Complete in Him”
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Introduction:
A. Col. 2:9-10
B. Christ is the foundational power and source of stability and endurance in a believer's life.
   1. Regardless of the times and circumstances - Job 2:10

I. CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF:
   A. Col. 3:1 - Our resurrection
      1. There are two resurrections:
      2. First resurrection - Spiritual
         a. Col. 2:13; Eph. 2:1, 5-6
      3. Second Resurrection - Physical or bodily resurrection
         b. John 6:39-40; Rom. 8:11
   B. Col. 3:1 - Our power for living: "Where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God"
      1. Eph. 1:20
   C. Col. 3:3 - Our power for dying - Rom. 8:13, 6:6
   D. Col. 3:4 - Our power to live forever - Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2
   E. Col. 3:10 - Our re-created image
      1. New image must be void of old nature and habits - Eph. 4:22
      2. New image must be of Christ and His attributes - Eph. 4:24
      3. New image must be who we really are - Rev. 1:6; Col. 3:12
   F. Col. 3:13 - Our forgiveness
      1. And of our capacity to forgive others
         a. We have been forgiven much, so we must forgive others; being forgiven should make us expansive and generous toward others
         b. Forgiveness is a chief Christian marker
         c. To hold a grudge is of Satan - Matt. 18:21-35
   G. Col. 3:15 - Our peace - Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20
   H. Col. 3:16-17 - Our wisdom and authority - Matt. 28:18
   I. Col. 3:23 - Our motivation - Eph. 6:6-8
      1. Heartily is "ek psuchos" and means "out of the soul"