

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of trees in the foreground, a hill in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Exclusive and Sufficient  
Colossians 2:16–19**

# Summary Review

## 1. The central issue is the sufficiency of Christ.

**Sufficiency means Christ is enough, He supplies all we need and we need not look elsewhere for solutions to life's problems.**

**Sufficiency describes: God's revelation, God's grace, God's provision of salvation, God's provision for the spiritual life—which is not restricted to fellowship with God, but includes all aspects of application to every area of life.**

# Summary Review

2. **Sufficiency *always* challenges the *exclusive* authority of God.**
  - a. **Lucifer challenged the exclusive authority of God at the original fall, Isa. 14:12–14; Ezek. 28:12–19**
  - b. **The two elements manifest in his thinking are: *autonomy* and *antagonism***

***Autonomy* emphasizes self-sufficiency.**

***Antagonism* is hostility to God's Word, plan, grace, salvation.**

# Summary Review

- c. Ha Shatan, the Accuser, then seduced Eve in the garden with an appeal directed at God's authority, sufficiency, and veracity.**
- d. All creature-based religions reflect these two characteristics:**

**As such, this is described as Satan or demon thought.**

**Thus to follow that is Satanic or demonic influence.**

**In more extreme cases then false religions or philosophies entail direct Satanic or demonic influence.**

**Deut. 32:15, “But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; you grew fat, you grew thick, you are obese! Then he forsook God who made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation.**

**Deut. 32:16, “They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger.**

**Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.**

**Deut. 32:18, “Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the God who fathered you.”**

**1 Cor. 10:19, “What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?”**

**1 Cor. 10:20, “Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.”**

**Col. 2:15, “After disarming principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”**

**Col. 2:8, “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world [*stoichea*], and not according to Christ.”**

**Col. 2:20, “Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world [*stoichea*], why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—”**

# Simple Whole Wheat Bread Recipe

## Ingredients

- 3 cups warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 2 (0.25 ounce) packages active dry yeast
- 1/3 cup honey
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## **Directions**

- 1. In a large bowl, mix warm water, yeast, and 1/3 cup honey. Add 5 cups white bread flour, and stir to combine. Let set for 30 minutes, or until big and bubbly.**
- 2. Mix in 3 tablespoons melted butter, 1/3 cup honey, and salt. Stir in 2 cups whole wheat flour. Flour a flat surface and knead with whole wheat flour until not real sticky – just pulling away from the counter, but still sticky to touch. This may take an additional 2 to 4 cups of whole wheat flour. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to coat the surface of the dough. Cover with a dishtowel. Let rise in a warm place until doubled.**
- 3. Punch down, and divide into 3 loaves. Place in greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pans, and allow to rise until dough has topped the pans by one inch.**
- 4. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes; do not overbake. Lightly brush the tops of loaves with 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine when done to prevent crust from getting hard.**

# Enemies to the Truth

**Dietary regulations**

**Day-observers**

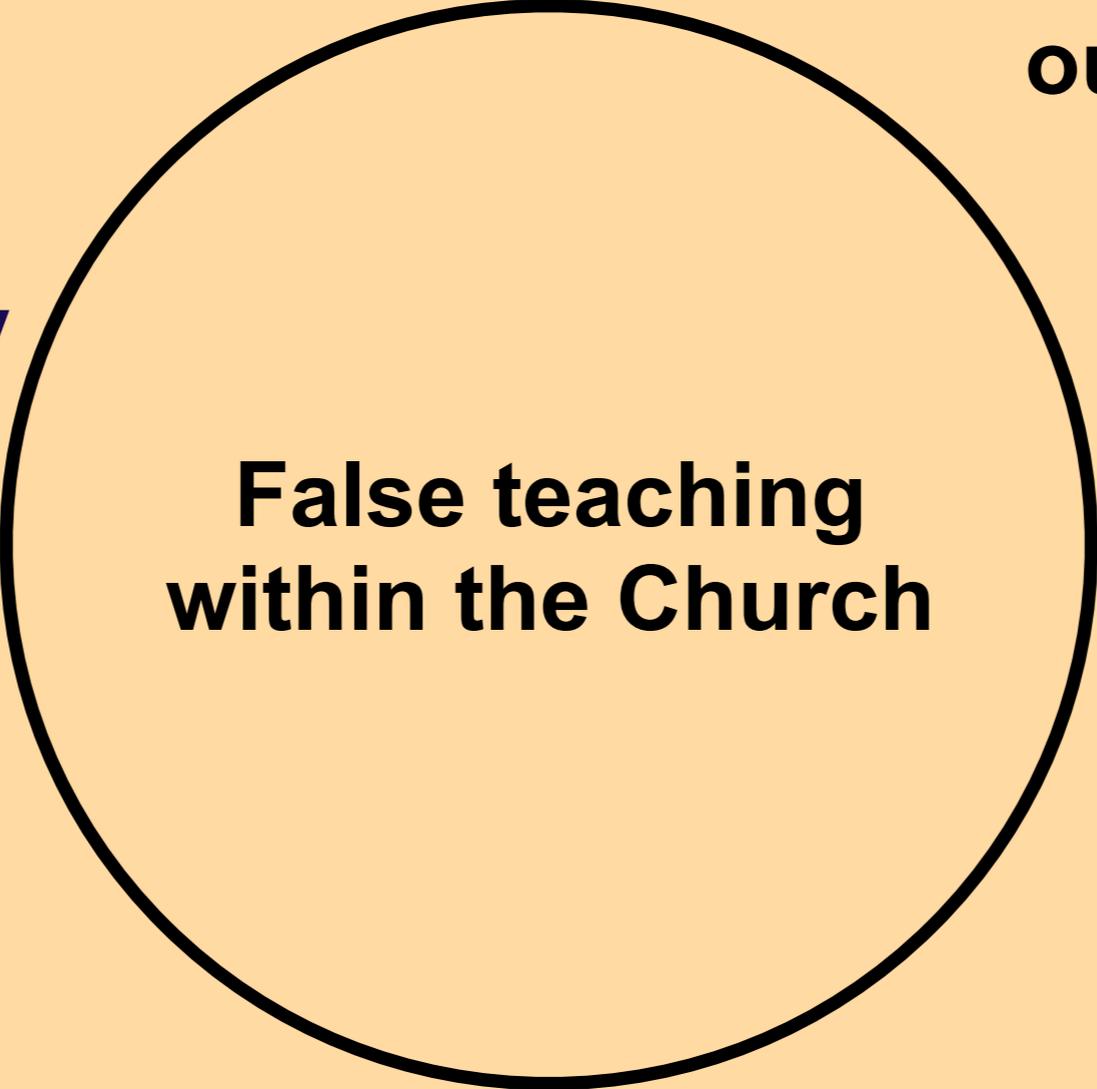
**Pseudo-humility**

**Worship of  
angels**

**Emphasizing  
visions**

**Arrogant**

**False teaching  
outside the Church**



**False teaching  
within the Church**

# Enemies to the Truth

**Human intellectual  
autonomy**

**False teaching  
outside the Church**

**Evolution**

**Psycho-therapy**

**Drugs/  
Happiness**

**False teaching  
within the Church**

**Sociology**

**Socialism,  
Marxism,  
Statism**

**Social Engineering**