

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
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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

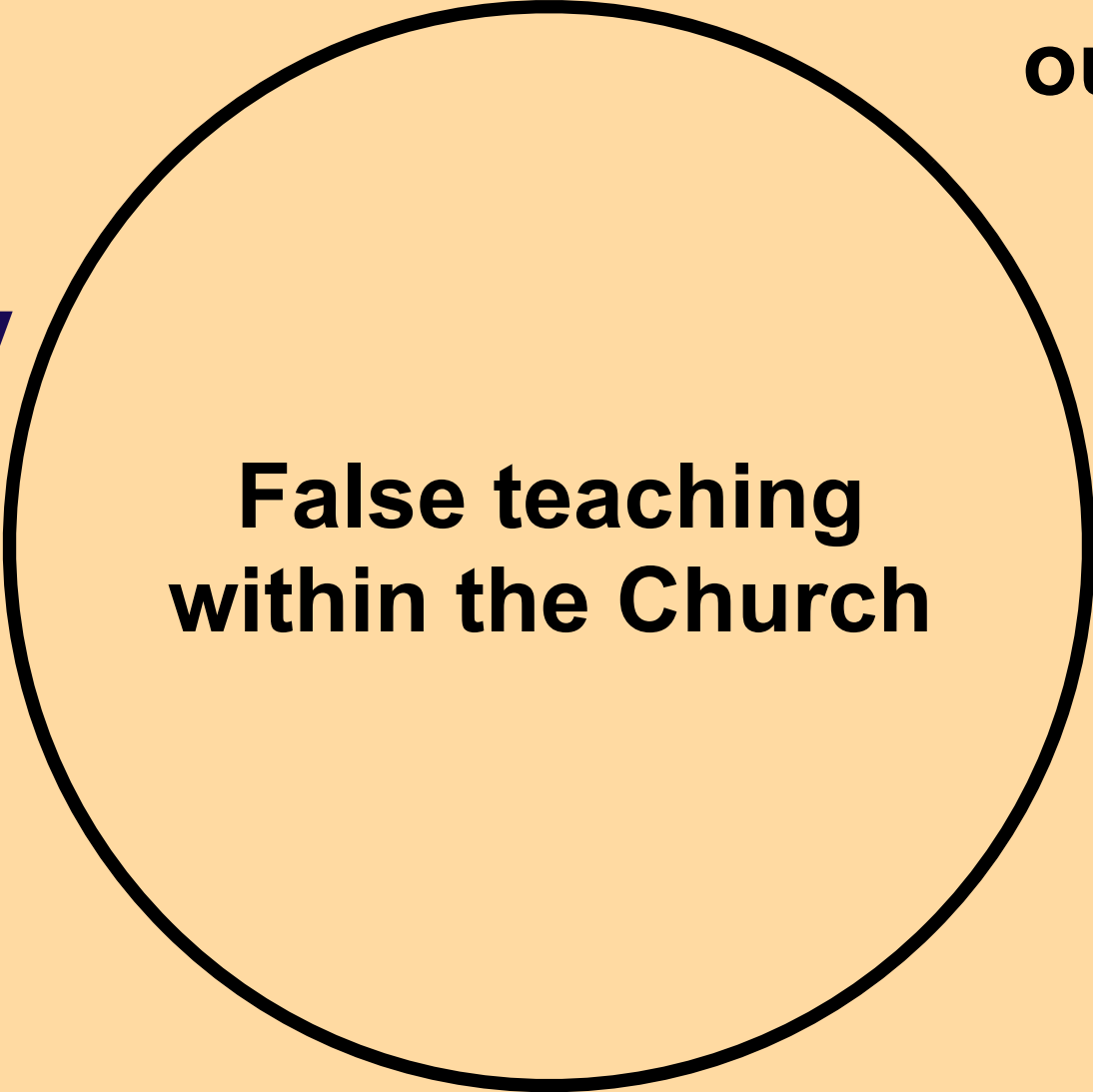
Pseudo-humility

**Worship of
angels**

**Emphasizing
visions**

Arrogant

**False teaching
outside the Church**



**False teaching
within the Church**

Enemies to the Truth

**Human intellectual
autonomy**

Evolution

Psycho-therapy

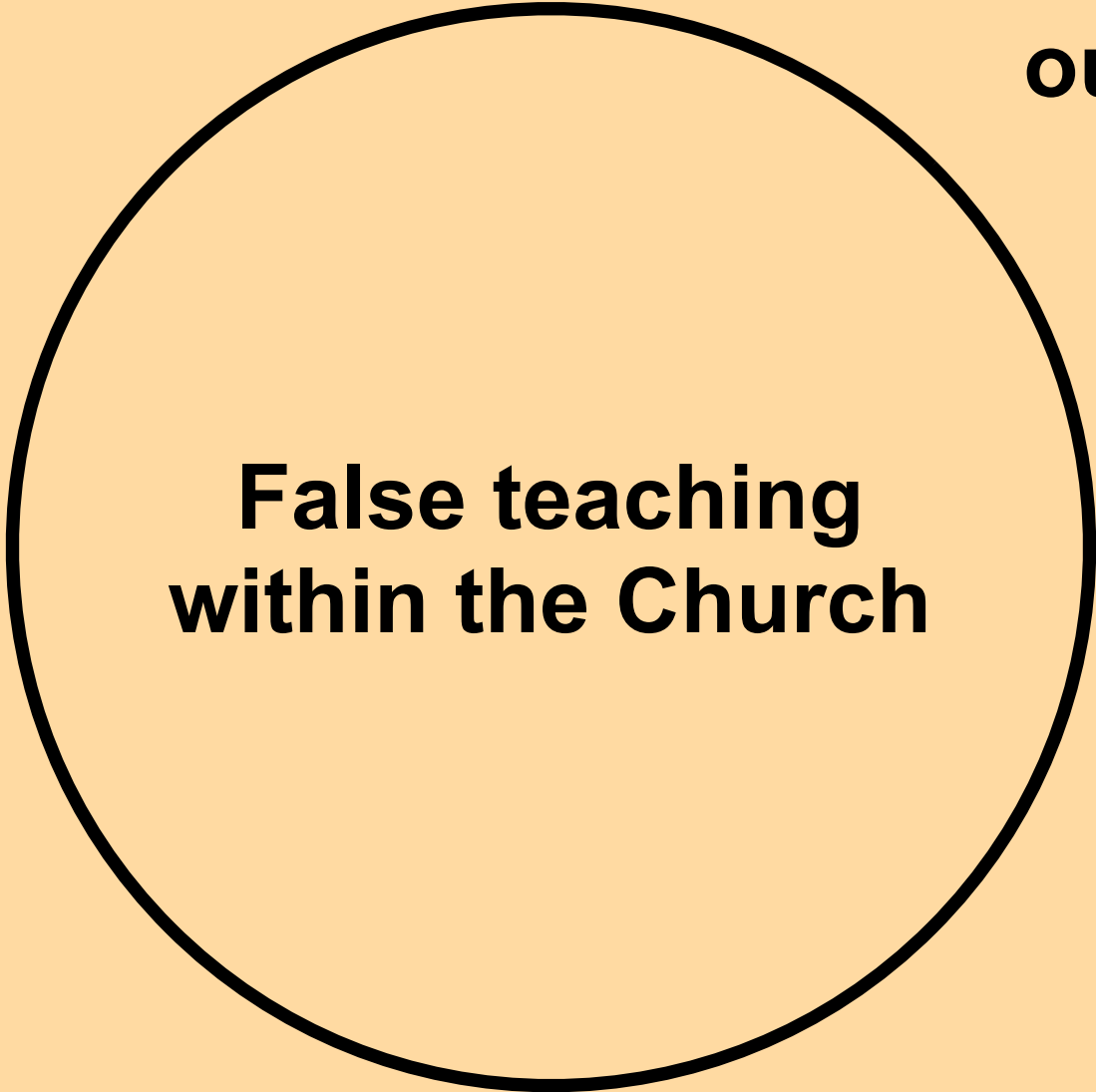
**Drugs/
Happiness**

Sociology

**Socialism,
Marxism,
Statism**

Social Engineering

**False teaching
outside the Church**



**False teaching
within the Church**