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Colossians 2: Freedom In Christ – Peter Lyne

Key Outcomes

- **Believers** are encouraged to move beyond religious traditions and rules to experience the "fullness" of their inheritance in Christ.
- **The Ascension** is identified as the spiritual location where believers currently reside "hidden with Christ," awaiting His return to earth.
- **The Holy Spirit** is presented as a necessary "second volume" of the Christian experience, distinct from and following conversion.

Theological Framework

- **Colossians 2 & 3**: Peter emphasizes that since believers died with Christ to worldly principles, they should not submit to human commands (e.g., "don't handle, don't taste, don't touch") which lack value in restraining sensual indulgence.
- **The Cross**: Serves as the symbol of triumph where God canceled the written code of regulations and disarmed powers and authorities.
- **The "Two Volumes" Concept**: Drawing from Watchman Nee, Peter argues that the Gospel consists of both the death/resurrection of Jesus and the subsequent baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Apostolic Foundations in Acts

- **Peter's Preaching**: In Acts 2, the foundation of the Gospel is established through the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the exaltation of Jesus to the right hand of God.
- **The Role of the Spirit**: Every major instance of Gospel preaching in the book of Acts was accompanied by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, often involving prophecy and speaking in tongues.
- **Paul's Transformation**: Saul of Tarsus is highlighted as a primary example of a life transformed by the risen Christ to become a champion of the Gospel.

Practical Application and Call to Action

- **Spiritual Focus**: Believers are urged to set their hearts and minds on "things above" rather than earthly things.
- **Pursuit of Fullness**: Those who have not experienced the baptism of the Spirit are encouraged to thirst, seek, and pray until they receive their full inheritance.

- **Community Impact**: The goal of this spiritual fullness is to see the power of God released supernaturally within the local community.