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Colossians 2: Fullness In Christ – Mark Mumford

Key Outcomes

Mark delivered a teaching on Colossians chapter 2, focusing on the theological concept of **fullness** (*pleroma*) to emphasize the supremacy of Christ. He argued that Jesus is fully God and fully human, and that believers experience this completeness through the indwelling of Christ, which manifests as both a legal truth and a personal experience.

The Essential Truth: The Fullness of God in Christ

- **The Nature of Christ:** Jesus is uniquely and fully both God and man.
- **Theological Necessity:** Full humanity was required to pay the debt of humanity, while full divinity was required to have the power to pay that debt.
- **Countering Misconceptions:** Paul wrote to the Colossians to refute views that Jesus was only partially divine or shifted between human and divine states.

The Wonderful Gift: Fullness in the Believer

- **Definition of Fullness:** The Greek word *pleroma* signifies completeness, leaving no room or need for anything extra.
- **Fullness of Grace:** God's grace is described as unmerited favor that is sufficient and complete, requiring no additional effort from the believer to be earned.
- **Fullness of Forgiveness:** Through baptism, the past is completely wiped away, which Mark illustrated through the concept of a new birth certificate in adoption.
- **The Paradox of Grace and Truth:** Jesus embodies both grace (compassion/mercy) and truth (righteousness/justice); Mark suggests the church should aspire to a culture that balances both.

Personal Experience of Fullness

- **Beyond Legal Truth:** While the indwelling of Christ is a factual truth, it should be experienced personally.
- **Presence in Adversity:** Fullness of life includes both highs and lows; the presence of God can be experienced even during suffering or anxiety, as illustrated by Nestor's experience in the hospital during COVID.
- **Spiritual Filling:** Mark shared personal experiences of feeling "full" of God's love and glory during worship and family gatherings.