



deep: MORE OF GOD, DEEPER INTO ME

## How Deep is Your Soul?

COLOSSIANS 1:15-29

Week 1 of 4

Matrix clip // Rain's Occult Store // our world is hungry

Problem #1: **ignorance**

Our souls will expand to contain our level of knowledge // human knowledge  
ignorance -> shallow soul // without God, the shallow experience of other shallow souls

Problem #2: **complacency**

ILL: Narnia -> eventually decided to live in the real world.  
BUT THIS IS NOT WHERE GOD WANTS US TO BE

The Apostle Paul's greatest passion was to see people like you and me  
encounter the depth and richness of life with God through Jesus Christ:

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you  
and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom  
and understanding.*

Colossians 1:9

*I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and  
for all who have not met me personally. My purpose is that they may be encouraged in  
heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding,  
in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden  
all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you  
by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with  
you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.*

Colossians 2:1-5

**All treasures** of wisdom and  
knowledge **hide** in **Christ**.

## JESUS IS DEEP

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the **image** of God.

ILL: ICONS // Whatever God is Jesus is.

He is lord of creation, its **agent** and its **sustainer**.

ILL: strong nuclear force // things hold together IN HIM.

He is head of the **church**.He is **supreme** with all the **fullness** of God.He is the agent of **reconciliation** (vv. 21-23).

In Christ, the fullness of God dwells to create, sustain, and restore.

## HOW DEEP ARE YOU?

Have you ever had an epiphany where you saw something "deeper" about yourself?

ILL: Muscles I didn't know existed //  $e^{\pi} + 1 = 0$ TRUTH #1: YOUR **failures** HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

vv. 21-22

Every blemish caused by your ignorance is gone.

TRUTH #2: THE HARDEST WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY **others**.

vv. 24-25

The complacency borne of the feeling its too hard can dissipate.

TRUTH #3: CHRIST WILL **fill you**.

vv. 26-27

ILL: SOMETHING DEEPER... Hospital hill song: "I love you Lord, and I lift my voice..."

Your soul is deep. Deep enough to be filled with God. God in Christ. Christ in you. Let him  
fill you. Let him clean you out of all your failures and guilt and shame. Let him remove  
from you your pride and complacency. And then, let him enter the emptiness of your  
deepened soul and fill you daily with his powerful presence.

GOD IN CHRIST. CHRIST IN YOU. THAT'S DEEP.