

Complete in Christ

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I. Introduction.

- A. You have to nail down the basics in the Christian life.
- B. “The Wheel” is an illustration of the Christ-centered life.

II. Christ is the center - the hub.

- A. The hub bears the weight. (1 Peter 5:7)
- B. The hub furnishes the power. (John 15:5, Philippians 4:13)
- C. We are complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:6-10)
 - 1. To say I need something more is to blaspheme the name of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. To say I need something more is to deny the work of Christ.
 - 3. To say I need something more is to ridicule the power of Christ.



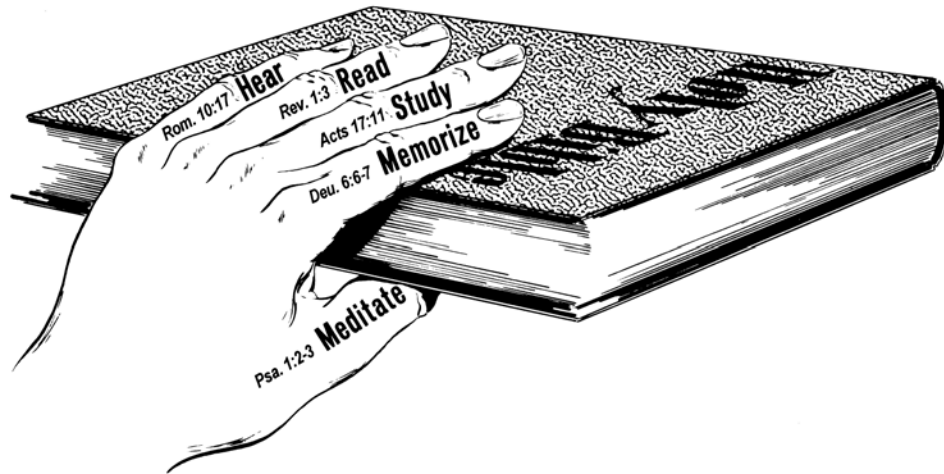
The Wheel Illustration

III. In the Word we learn of Christ.

- A. We must hear the Word. (Revelation 2:29)
- B. We must read the Bible expectantly. (Luke 19:27-28, Psalm 62:5)
- C. We must study the Bible. (Psalm 119:155)

D. We must memorize the Word, for your faith is built and you become a better witness. (Proverbs 22:17-21)

E. We must meditate on the Word of God with a view towards obedience. We must go down deep. (Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:15)



The Word Hand Illustration

IV. Prayer. (Jeremiah 33:3)

A. Are we praying for the world or are we praying for toys?

B. God rarely has an opportunity to display His power on earth because He is waiting for a man to pray.

C. Hindrances to prayer.

1. Sin. Keep short accounts with God. (Psalm 66:18, Numbers 33:55, 1 John 1:9)
2. Unbelief. (Matthew 21:22, Proverbs 28:9)
3. Not being in the Word and claiming the promises of God.

V. Fellowship. (1 John 1:3, 1 Corinthians 1:9)

A. Fellowship means being bound together and serving together. (Acts 2:41-42)

B. Agreement with one another is fellowship. (Matthew 18:19)

C. We are interdependent upon each other. We need exhortation. (1 Corinthians 12:20)

D. Essentials in fellowship.

1. It must be Christ centered.

2. It must be based on the Word.

VI. Obedience. (Luke 6)

- A. Do not try to lay a foundation on something other than Jesus Christ.
- B. Lay a foundation on more than just Jesus as an idea - it must be Jesus that we are obedient to.
- C. A synonym for Christianity is obedience. (John 13:13)

VII. Witnessing.

- A. We witness in our life. (Matthew 5:16)
- B. We witness in our speech. (Romans 10:17)
- C. Both are necessary. (Galatians 2:20)

Application questions

1. Why is it essential that Christ is the center of the Christian life? Explain.

2. What does Christian fellowship look like, and what is required of it?

3. How would you respond to someone saying that words are not necessary for witnessing?
