

The Overflowing Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Colossians 2:1-7.

B. Boredom is our problem—it is a failure to look to a resource from within.

II. The Christian life creates a sense of anticipation of what God is going to do.

A. Consequently, the Bible often speaks of treasures and riches from within.

B. Paul's goal was to bring the Colossians to life and vitality through prayer and letter writing.

C. The key to helping a person is building a relationship with that person.

D. Paul is concerned that believers will become deceived.

1. Self is a disguised god.

2. Sin always seems to offer freedom, but this is an illusion.

3. The answer to boredom is the freedom of Jesus Christ in discovering the exciting God.

E. Things that resist being deceived.

1. A well ordered life.

2. Firm faith in Christ.

F. The believer has been rooted, built up in Christ and strengthened in faith.

G. The believer is to find something in every circumstance in which he can give thanks—this is the secret of vitality.

Application questions:

1. Many find religious things boring—how can it be said that Jesus Christ is the secret to vitality?

2. Why is sin not the answer boredom?

3. In what circumstances have you not given thanks yet? How can giving thanks in a challenging circumstance give freedom?
