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Transforming Daily
“... all the fullness of the Godhead bodily ...”
Colossians 2:9

I've always loved that designation of Christ. In part, it is the reason for the book of Colossians to be considered one of the most significant books on Christology. What does it mean? “Godhead bodily” is the designation of Christ referring to His incarnation. His incarnation is the tangible, visible, expression of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

It was also the reason that Christ thought it not robbery to equate Himself with God. He was and is God. Being the Godhead bodily was also the reason the Jews and Romans crucified Him. One reason He was crucified was because as God He was and is the only One qualified to pay our sin debt. Another reason He was crucified was because the people didn't believe He was God and therefore accused Him of blasphemy a crime punishable by death.

Paul wanted the Colossians to understand that and so much more. In light of the context of the cultural practices in Colosse, especially with respect to the doctrines of false teachers, he wanted them to know that God was more than a “spirit” or someone unknowable yet to be feared. Paul wanted the Colossians to recall the apostles' doctrine regarding the nature of Christ's personal relationship with each of them individually as well as with the church corporately. No other religion or belief system then or now compares.

Have you experienced a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? How do you see Christ? Do you recognize the grace of God on your life through Jesus Christ? Do you understand what Paul meant when he said that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily?