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--- *Colossians 2:9*

7 DISTINCTIONS *of Christ*

- * Image of God
- * Firstborn over all creation
 - * Created all things
 - * Before all things
- * In Him all things hold together
 - * Head of the church
- * The beginning & the first-born



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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.



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See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.



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For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

--- *Colossians 2:6-10*



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--- *Colossians 2:7*



WHAT PROMOTES
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For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edge sword, it penetrates even to the dividing of soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

--- *Hebrews 4:12*



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2. MEASURE

Man shall not live on bread alone, but
on every word that proceeds from the
mouth of God.

--- *Matthew 4:4*



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--- *Colossians 2:8*



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“Contemporary man, with his self-drawn picture of society as the ‘closed room’ with No Exit, is caught metaphysically and sociologically.”



WHAT PROMOTES
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“In the darkness of the room evidently without windows, perhaps without doors, he gropes round and round the edges. Can one hope that someone will dare to wonder whether there is any light other than the feeble sparks of his own making?”



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“Or will he stubbornly persist in treading the barren circle of poor premises?”

--- *Os Guinness*



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Things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard [*empiricism*], and which have not entered the heart of man [*rationalism*], all that God has prepared for those who love Him.

--- *I Corinthians 2:9*



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“I am first affrighted and confronted with that forlorn solitude, in which I am placed in my philosophy.”

--- *David Hume*



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“I shiver with the horror of being
responsible for everything alive . . .

Alas, grant me madness.”

--- *Friedrich Nietzsche*



WHAT PROMOTES
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“Every existing thing is born
without reason, goes on living out
of weakness, and dies by accident.”

--- *Jean-Paul Sartre*



WHAT PROMOTES
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“Brief and powerless is man’s life; on him and all his race the slow sure doom falls pitiless and dark.”

--- *Bertrand Russell*



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“The Last Survivor
of a Dead Generation”
--- *Bertrand Russell’s Epitaph*



WHAT PROMOTES
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“Man cannot begin with himself
and arrive at ultimate reality.”

--- *Francis Schaeffer*



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That which proceeds out of man,
that is what defiles the man.

--- *Mark 7:20*



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For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

--- *Romans 1:21*



WHAT PROMOTES
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3. FOCUS

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

--- *Colossians 3:23*



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1. CONTINUING
2. MEASURING
3. FOCUSING