

Colossians 2:6-15

Things aren't always as they seem – my tiny eBay cricket bat (way smaller than I thought it would be) and fast food (appear to offer taste, sustenance and nutrition – but really it is killing us)

1. Don't be taken captive by emptiness

- a. 1st century Gentile Christians in Colossae being told to add circumcision to Christ for fullness
- b. 21st century Christians in Perth being told to follow our heart, find *the one*, find our forever home and live like there's no tomorrow
- c. The world's empty ideas tell us to:
 - i. Find fullness where there is only emptiness
 - ii. Find hope where there is only despair
 - iii. Find life where there is death
- d. These ideas take us as prisoners and they surround us – TV, internet, books, news, adverts

2. Fullness is only found in Jesus

- a. Jesus is fully God
- b. Jesus is fully man
- c. Christians have been filled in Jesus
- d. Come to Jesus for fullness – He is the only One who can fill us

Fullness according to the world (Emptiness)	Fullness according to Jesus (Fullness)
Buy all you want and a bit more for good measure	Foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head
Maximise your pleasure and live like there's no tomorrow	Jesus put the interests of others before His own – dying on a humiliating cross to rescue sinners who hated Him – giving them eternal life
Follow your heart	Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane - Father please take this cup from me (the cup representing God's righteous anger at sin), yet not my will, but yours be done.

3. Jesus' death is His victory

- a. Cancels our debt to God – nailing it to the cross
- b. Exposes our enemies for the evil that they are – triumphing over them on the cross

What looks like death is really life