

Colossians 2:9-15
Series: Colossians: Maturing as a Jesus-Follower
"Spiritual Fullness in Christ"
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Compare and contrast God's longing for us and ours for him.

Re-capping from 2 weeks ago: based on our discussion on vv. 8-10, what *lie* has Satan been telling God's people since the first temptation in the Garden of Eden?

What is the "problem" with what Paul is telling us in Colossians 2:9-12?

Notice how even our *desire* itself to grow needs Christ:

"Although we need God, we at first do not desire him. . . . Our capacity to receive and to respond to God's love needs to be developed."

(Foster and Beebe, *Longing for God*, 11.)

What is the point of the story about the gifts of the *carrot* and the *stallion*? (Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God*, 60-62).

Even when it comes to spiritual longing and growth, we need to acknowledge that our _____ will always be our default mode. Explain.

"Christian spiritual formation is a God-ordained process that shapes our entire person so that we take on the character and being of Christ himself. When we are open and responsive to this process, our outer life becomes an expression of this inner transformation"

(Foster and Beebe, *Longing for God*, 12).

In our search for spiritual growth and fulfillment, what is our final comfort?

"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

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