Colossians Series

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COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Why Jesus Christ is Sufficient
Colossians 1:15–17

Exclusivity

- **Only one way to survive Noah's flood**

- **Only one way to avoid the death of the firstborn at Passover**

- **Only one way to enter the tabernacle or Temple**

- **Only one way to survive the viper's bite in the wilderness**

- **Only one way to enter the Promised Land**

- **Only one way to bring down Jericho's walls**

- **Only one way to defeat Ai**

- **Only one way to defeat Goliath**

Prov. 14:12 (16:25), "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."
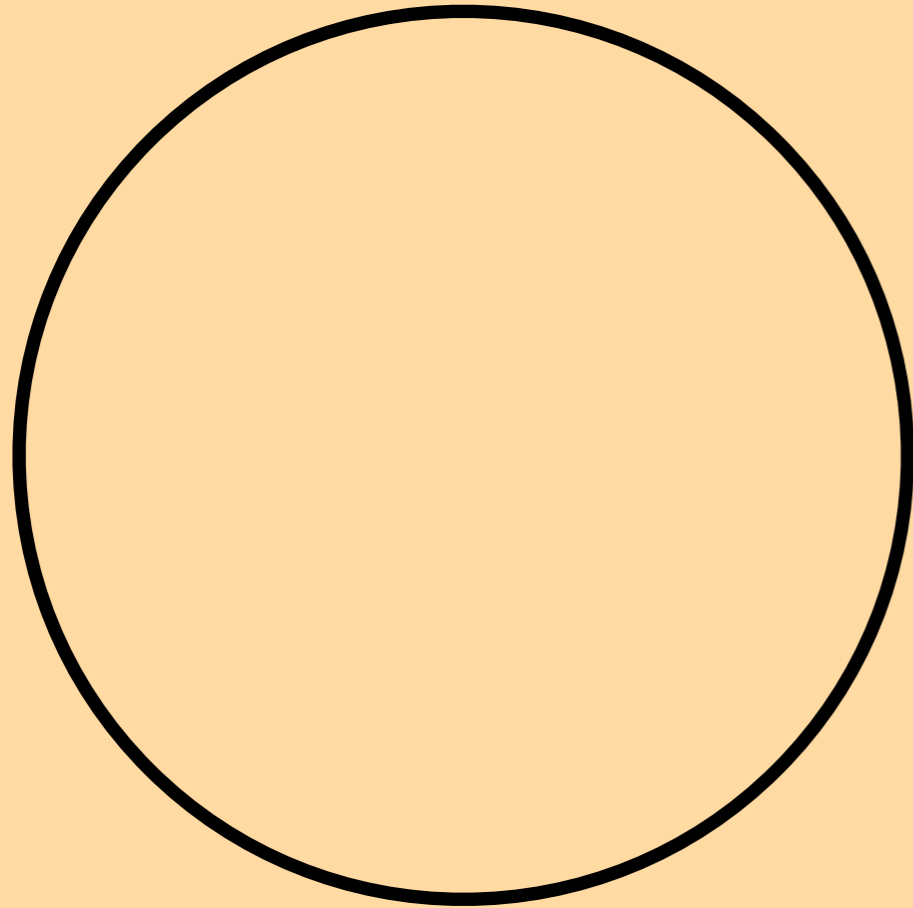
<u>Sufficient</u>

Enough, adequate

As much as is necessary

The required amount

Satisfies every need

Sufficient Spiritually
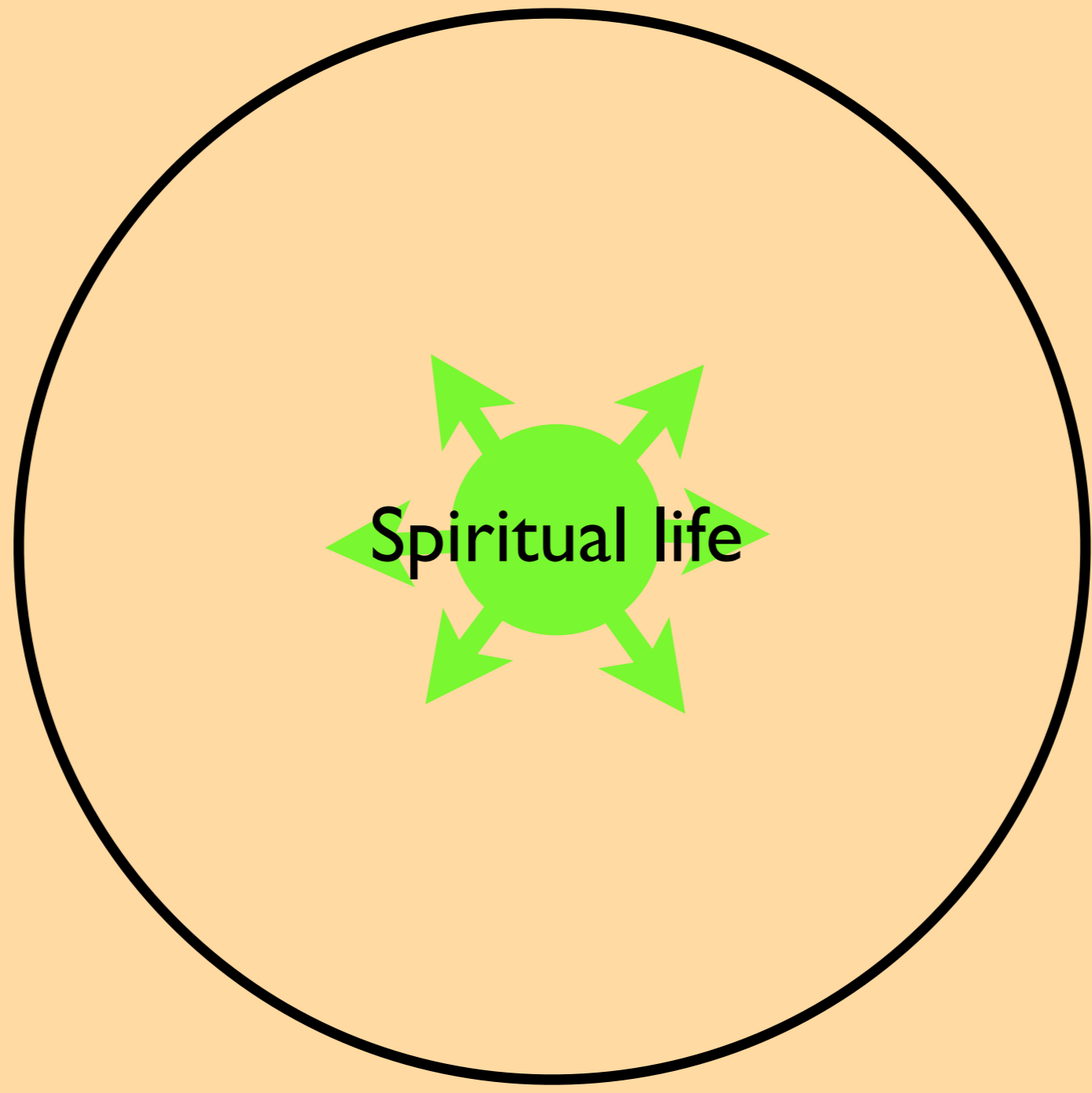
Spiritual life

Other areas of life

emotional
psychological
philosophical
social/political
legal
historical
economical

Sufficient Spiritually

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The Basis of Knowledge

	SYSTEM	STARTING POINT	METHOD
Autonomous Systems of Perception	RATIONALISM	Innate ideas Faith in human ability.	Independent use of logic & reason
	EMPIRICISM	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	MYSTICISM	Inner, private experience; intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, Nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
Divine Viewpoint	REVELATION	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

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Col. 1:16, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Col. 1:17, "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Col. 1:18, "And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

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εἰκὼν *eikon*
image, representation

2 Cor. 4:4, "whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."

John 17:5, "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

John 1:18, "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him."

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ἀόρατος (*ahoratos*),
invisible; unseen

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ἀπαῦγασμα *apaugasma* "radiance, effulgence, pass. reflection."
Radiant flashing forth

χαρακτηρ, *xarakter:* impression, stamp; refers to an engraved character or impress made by a die or a seal; also indicates the characteristic trait or distinctive mark. An "exact reproduction"

John 14:7, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

John 14:8, "Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is <u>sufficient</u> for us.'

John 14:9, "Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father" '?"

ἀρκέω (*arkeō*), be enough, suffice, be adequate

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πρωτότοκος
(*prōtotokos*), Firstborn,
Pre-eminent
First in time
or
First in rank

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ἐν αὐτω *en auto*	δι᾽ αὐτου *dia autou*	εἰς αὐτὸν *eis auton*
In Him In His mind from eternity past	Through Him secondary agency	For Him

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πρὸ
pro

Indicates rank preference

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And He and

πρὸ
pro

s rank
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συνίστημι
sunistemi
perf act ind

To stand together, hold together,
To bring together by uniting,
To hold together in an organized manner