

“Colossians” Message Series

Sunday, November 3, 2024 @ 10:30AM | Worship Center



Alive and Alert!

Scripture Focus: Colossians 2:1-15

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. ⁵For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

⁶Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷having been firmly rooted *and* now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. ⁹For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; ¹¹and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; ¹²having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. Colossians 1:18

Jesus Christ is preeminent over all!

In the Christian life, we never stand still: we either go forward or gradually slip backwards. The Christian who is not making spiritual progress is an open target for the enemy to attack and destroy.

Spirit-lead Intercession

- **Paul's intercession and instruction for the saints at Colossae was intentional. (1-3)**

Prayer is not our trying to change God's mind, it is learning what is the mind of God and asking accordingly.

The Spirit gives divine energy for prayer, regardless of the way we feel.

Three Words of Encouragement

- **Keep making spiritual progress. (4-7)**

A grounded, growing, and grateful believer will not be led astray.

- **Watch out for spiritual pitfalls. (8-10)**

False teachers don't win the lost, they kidnap them.

- **Draw on Your spiritual provision. (11-15)**

When we claim victory in Christ, using the equipment provide for us in Him, we are free from the influence of the devil and false teachers.

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