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The Treasure

Reading Colossians 2:1-5

This is one of those places where Paul opens his heart, wanting Christians to know how he felt. Please observe, this “struggle” or passionate concern for Christians was not limited to those he knew personally, but also those who had not seen him face to face.

What was this about? Paul wanted their hearts to be encouraged. He wanted them to be knit together in love, “to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ.”

He wanted there to be growth, in knowledge, in assurance – in their appreciation of who Christ is and what He did. **All those connected truths about Christ in chapter one - Paul wanted Christians to hold close.**

And, of Christ Paul says that in Him **“are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”**

The word “hidden” doesn’t mean you can’t find it. It means, *located and protected in*



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Him and only in Him. In false teaching, you find deception, destruction, apostasy, spiritual poverty and loss. In Christ, “are hidden” all the opposites, summarized in this phrase, **“all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”**

The false teachers boasted of having some secret way to reach some higher spiritual level. They claimed to have the wisdom Christians needed to be better than others. But it was a lie.

One of the primary themes in Colossians is – **all you need can be found in Christ!** As it says later in this context, “in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,” and “you have been filled in Him.”

There is complete provision of all spiritual need in Christ. No human supplement or

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secret is necessary, and all such “philosophy” is an intrusion that leads to loss!

Why is Paul so passionate about this? **“I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.”** He doesn’t want anyone to be deceived by persuasive words. See, words may sound good but be wrong!

Paul wanted to form a close relationship with the Christians in Colossae and Laodicea – *not to firm up his fan base; not for social enjoyment*. He wanted them to know this: “For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.”