

Christ Over All

A study in Colossians

Hidden Treasure
Colossians 2:1-7
June 16, 2024

...the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. - Colossians 2:3

I. LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

- The apostle Paul is laboring in the Spirit on behalf of the church. He is absent in body, but present in the Spirit (Vss. 1, 5; 1 Cor. 5:3; 2 Cor. 5:8).
- Life in the Spirit does not have to be wacky, but it is, at least in some sense, metaphysical. Our world is not just about flesh and blood, physical and material (1 Cor. 14).
- Paul seems to be implying, at the very least, that he is in prayer for the Colossians and Laodiceans, asking for their encouragement, unity in love, and fuller understanding of Christ and the wisdom he imparts (Vss. 1-3).

II. GOD'S MYSTERY—JESUS CHRIST

- The substance of the "mystery" kept hidden for ages and generations is Jesus himself. In him the wisdom of the ages is found (Vss. 2-3; 1 Tim. 3:14-16).
- The Christian faith is mind-enlarging and mind-expanding. It has no tolerance with half-truths and lies (Prov. 9:10; 2 Cor. 4:1-2).
- Fill your mind with biblical truth, and your thoughts and emotions will respond properly. Fail to do so, and you will be proven a fool (Prov. 4:23, 23:19; Ps. 26:2, 139:23-24; Matt. 12:34-37).

III. WALKING IN CHRIST

- If we have received Christ, genuinely, we will then walk with him in life and death. We will grow roots into biblical soil, our lives will be established, and it will overflow with thanksgiving (Vss. 6-7).

KNOW: Everything that can be known and that leads to greater wisdom is found in Jesus. Christianity is mind-expanding, not mind-numbing. It is not for the foolish or the faint of heart!

DO: Expand your mind and your horizons. Establish your faith firmly planted in the truth.

Suggested Reading:

How to Read Your Bible for All It's Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stewart (Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W. Tozer (Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

Everything a Child Should Know About God by Kenneth Taylor (Available in the LifePoint Children's Library)

Next Week's Text: Colossians 2:8-12

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Colossians 2:1-7

1. Why, do you think, is Paul willing to struggle and suffer so much for the church?
2. What does Paul want for the church?
3. What is the mystery of God? What does this mean?
4. Where must we turn for wisdom? What are some steps that we can take to become more wise?
5. Why are Christians so susceptible to being misled? Why all the false teachings in churches today?
6. How do you walk in Christ? Does that walk need to be strengthened? What steps will you take to make this happen?