

#### **COLOSSIANS**

"A Passionate Plea for the Church" Colossians 2:1-7 September 7, 2025

**Read** Colossians 2:1-7

# His desperation for them Vs 1

2 Corinthians 1:8; 12:15; Colossians 4:12

### His desire for them Vs 2-3

- 1) They would be greatly encouraged & strengthened
- 2) They would be deeply <u>connected</u>
  John 17:20-23; Ephesians 3:17; Philippians 1:27; 2:2
- 3) They would be <u>assured</u> & understand Ephesians 3:14-19; 2 Peter 1:5-8

#### His distress for them Vs 4-5a

# They might be deceived & not have discernment

2 Corinthians 11:13-15; Ephesians 4:14; 2 Peter 3:17

## His delight for them Vs 5b

# They were disciplined and stable

1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Thessalonians 2:15

# His direction for them – Walk in Christ Jesus as Lord Vs 6-7

1) They were growing <u>deeper</u>

Psalm 1; John 15:1-4

2) They were growing <u>up</u>

Acts 20:32; 2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:13; 1 Peter 2:5; Matthew 7:24-26

3) They were growing in <u>certainty</u>

1 Peter 5:10; Romans 16:25; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

4) They were growing in gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:18; Ephesians 5:20; Hebrews 13:15

# **Our Response:**

- 1) In what ways can our church grow in being "knit together in love"? How can you become better connected? How can you encourage/strengthen others?
- 2) How do worldly philosophies and ideas take us away from Christ? What is Paul's antidote for such false teachings?
- 3) How does receiving Christ as Lord and walking in Him shape the way you approach work, relationships, and daily decisions?
- 4) How can you become more "rooted" and built up in Christ through God's Word, prayer, and fellowship?
- 5) In what specific ways can you overflow with thankfulness this week as an expression of your faith?