

COLOSSIANS – 2:1-7

“In [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

- Colossians 2:3

1. **2:1-2 – Acknowledging the Mystery**
 - a. Everyone knows the Laodiceans from Rev 3:14-21, but these are not them
 - b. The Colossians lacked assurance (in the sufficiency of Christ) – 2:2
 - c. Faith is evidence, it makes certain – Heb 11:1, Rom 10:17
 - d. Obtain assurance by reading and understanding the evidence for the truth
 - e. Our salvation is sure because of the work completed – Rom 5:11
 - f. Three mysteries: mystery of God: Rev 10:5-7, 11:15
 - g. Mystery of the Father: his glory in the Son – Eph 1:8-10, Phil 2:9-11
 - h. Mystery of Christ: the body of Christ mystery – Eph 3:1-6, Rom 16:25

2. **2:3-4 – All Treasures**
 - a. The treasures are in Christ – Col 1:27
 - b. ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge – Eph 3:10-11
 - c. The natural man can not discern them - 1 Cor 2:6-14
 - d. Deceptions (beguile) are enticing – 1 Cor 2:4-5
 - e. The world is enticing, but its treasures vain – 1 John 2:15-16; Gen 3:5-6
 - f. The deception is that Christ is insufficient – 1 Cor 1:17, Gal 2:21, 5:4
 - g. The knowledge of Christ is superior to all things – Phil 3:8
 - h. False teachers exist, they name Christ – 2 Cor 11:3-4, Gal 2:4, Eph 5:6

3. **2:5 – Their Order and Steadfastness**
 - a. Paul is absent, but he faces conflict for them – Gal 2:5, Phil 1:24-26
 - b. Order is the foundation of all things – 1 Cor 14:40
 - c. Disorder is rebellion against God – 2 Thess 3:6, Rom 13:2
 - d. Steadfastness *def.* – firm, fixed, constant, “hold fast” – 2 Tim 1:13
 - e. Conviction is good, but our head is Christ

4. **2:6-7 – Walk in Christ!**
 - a. The issue: they had received the faith, but were not walking in it
 - b. Walking is by faith in Christ – Gal 2:20
 - c. Christ was all you needed for salvation – Rom 4:5, Rom 5:1
 - d. The gospel of Christ is all you need to walk: no lists, no requirements