



CHRIST THE KING
ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER IN HIM



The Full Assurance of Christ

Colossians 2.1-5

Main Idea

Christ is the full assurance of all treasures of wisdom and knowledge of God.

Overview

I. Devote yourselves to encouragement & a united love in Christ with others

- Paul's struggle comes out of the struggle he mentions in 1.28-29 to bring others to maturity
- Paul is struggling for the Colossians and Laodiceans to:
 - Have their hearts encouraged (vs. 1-2)
 - Be knit together in love (vs. 1-2)

II. Find complete assurance in Christ

- Paul doesn't want this church encouraged & knit together for just any purpose, but to:
 - Reach ALL the riches of FULL assurance of understanding & knowledge of Christ (vs. 2)
- There is temptation to be deluded by plausible arguments that Christ's sufficiency is not real (vs. 4-5)
- Paul wants to encourage them in this fight though he isn't there in physical presence, his spirit is with them and he is rejoicing to see their order and faith (vs. 4-5)

III. Practical ways to cultivate a Full Assurance in the Sufficiency in Christ

- Look up at the sky: Wonder that you live on a planet that is hanging in the sky
 - The one that sustains it is the one that bought your salvation
 - If He is sufficient to maintain this world, He is sufficient for your salvation
- Talk to yourself: When "voices" speak "plausible arguments" that you are tempted to believe tell yourself out loud "that's not true" or write it down on in a journal
- Alter your dictionary:
 - Be careful on the use of "my" and "mine": Understanding you own nothing that Christ cannot say "Mine"
 - This should remind you that all you need is Christ and He has all things you need
 - Be mindful of the use of the word "need": You need nothing other than Christ
 - Yes there are things in life that you "need" (water, food, etc.)...but ultimately your true need is met in and only in Christ

Questions

Discussion Starter: What are some things that our society tells us we "need" that we actually do not need?

1. Read Colossians 2:1-3. How does Paul's struggle on behalf of the Colossians and Laodiceans serve to encourage them? What does it mean when Paul writes "their hearts may be encouraged"?
2. Why is it important to "struggle" for God's people to be knit together in love?

3. What is the danger if these things are not actively happening? What is the danger of trying to reach “full assurance” apart from community?
4. Take a moment and call back through all we have read through in Colossians and say aloud the words used to describe Christ. Now answer why Paul is going to such great lengths to teach these things.
5. Describe how these truths of Christ create a “full assurance” for all riches, understanding, knowledge, and wisdom of God. How can we recall these truths on a daily basis (i.e on Thursday @ 2:37PM)?
6. Read Colossians 2:4-5. What are some plausible arguments that we are tempted to be deluded by?
7. Why would Paul rejoice in “order” and “firmness of faith in Christ?” How can we actively and tangibly do the same?

Accountability Question: What are some areas you are being tempted to find more assurance in outside of Christ?