

Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge ~ Colossians 2:1-5

→ Scripture Reading - Col 2:1-5

INTRODUCTION

In **mystery cults**, a mystery was a **Secret Ritual** that supposedly established a relationship with a god and resulted in perceived benefits such as immortality. The Colossians were aware of these teachings from their culture. So Paul uses the term **MYSTERY** to refer to **Christ**, who REVEALS and FULFILLS **God's plan of salvation**. FSB

Knowing the MYSTERY of God ~ Colossians 2:1-3

¹ I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Paul said he AGONIZED for them - HOW?

1- Prayer

^{1:9} So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. (NLT)

2- Writing Letters

^{4:16} After you have read this letter, pass it on to the church at Laodicea so they can read it, too. And you should read the letter I wrote to them. (NLT)

3- Sending co-workers to Encourage and Teach

^{4:7} Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work. ⁸ I have sent him to you for this very purpose - to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you. (NLT)

ALL that is Deepest IN God is Summed up in Christ Expositors

² ...May your spiritual experience become richer as you see more and more FULLY God's great secret, Christ Himself. (JBP)

³ For it is IN Him, and IN Him alone, that men will find ALL the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge. (JBP)

² ...that they may Know the Mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

^{1:27} ...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this MYSTERY, which IS Christ IN you, the HOPE of glory. (NIV)

IMPLICATION

² I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which IS Christ Himself. ³ In Him lie hidden ALL the Treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (NLT)

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1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (CSB) As you know, like a father with his own children, ¹² we encouraged, comforted, and implored each one of you to walk worthy of God, who Calls You into HIS own kingdom and glory.

Do NOT be DECIEVED ~ Colossians 2:4-5

⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Paul sees the situation of the Colossians as being like that of an army under attack and he affirms that their lines were unbroken, their discipline intact, and their Faith IN and Reliance ON CHRIST Unshaken. Expositors

TAKE AWAY ??

⁵ For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I REJOICE that you are living as you should ...and that your Faith in Christ is STRONG. (NLT)

FIRMNESS of your Faith (NET)

STABILITY of your Faith (NAS)

Hebrews 4:14 (NIV) Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us HOLD firmly to the FAITH we profess.

¹⁵ For we do NOT have a high priest who is UNABLE to sympathize with our weaknesses, but WE have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.

¹⁶ Let us then APPROACH the throne of grace with CONFIDENCE, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to HELP US in our time of Need.

Precious Lord, take my hand - Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn - Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light - Take my ha-and, precious Lord
Lead me home