

## **Colossians 2:1–5 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

# **Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge**

**Colossians 2:1-5**

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

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## 1- Prayer

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

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## 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)

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### 3- Sending co-workers to Encourage and Teach

<sup>4:7</sup> **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**. <sup>8</sup> 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**

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

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

<sup>2</sup> ...that they may **Know the Mystery of God**,  
namely, **Christ**, <sup>3</sup> 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)

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1 Thessalonians 2:11–12 (CSB)

As you know, like a father with his own children,  
<sup>12</sup> we **encouraged, comforted, and implored**  
each one of you **to walk worthy of God**, who  
Calls you into **HIS own kingdom and glory.**

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

<sup>5</sup> 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)

-OR-

**STABILITY** of your **Faith** (NAS)

Hebrews 4:14–16 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> 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.**

<sup>15</sup> 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.**

<sup>16</sup> 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, **HELP 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 hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home