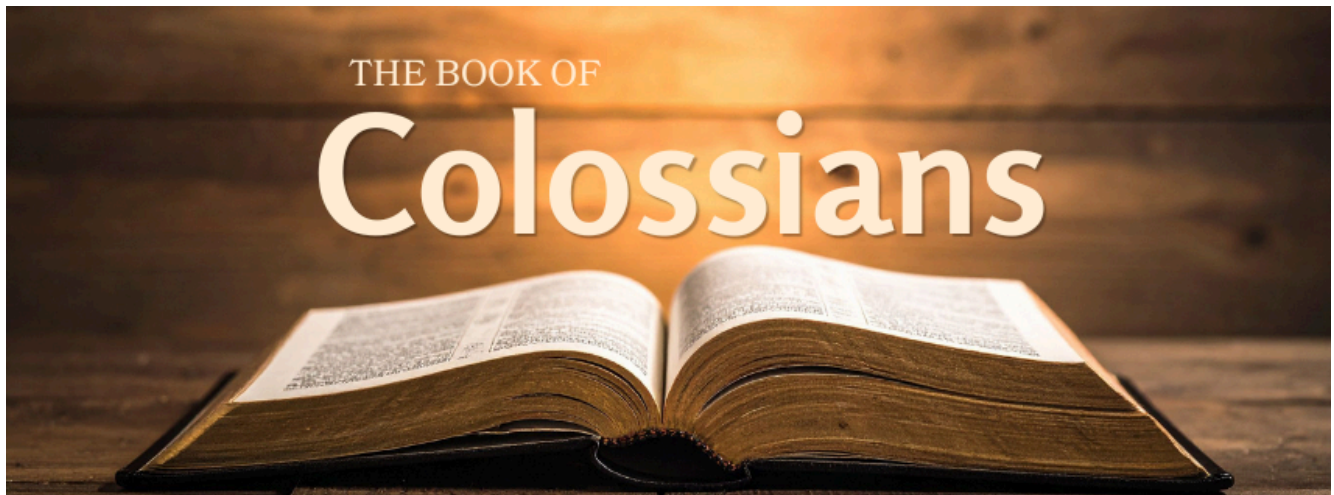


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Colossians 2:1-7

Big Idea: The church unified, anchored in the Centrality and Supremacy of Jesus Christ, standing firm to resist deceptive worldly philosophies.

Collectively _____ **one another, united in** _____ (1-2)

Receiving the riches of Jesus in _____, _____, **and** _____ (2-3)

Standing against _____ **teaching** (4-5)

Purposing to grow and mature by taking _____ _____ (6-7)

Laboring in God's power which is _____ _____ (Col. 1:29)

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Sermon Talks

1. Read Colossians 2:1-7 as you prepare to work through the sermon talks.
2. What is something you have built, assembled, or grown that required a really strong foundation? What happens when the foundation of that thing is weak?
3. What kind of struggle was Paul referring to in verse 1? Considering He had never met those in Colossae and Laodicea in person, why do you think he felt such a deep burden for their spiritual well-being?
4. From last week's study, we learned that the mystery Paul talks about in Colossians is something hidden that God has now revealed. In these verses, Paul is talking about the person of Jesus Christ. How can we have a true knowledge of God's mystery? What does that teach us about how we can even begin to know the incomprehensible God and His plans?
5. What is one treasure of wisdom and knowledge you have learned from Jesus?
6. Deceit is most effective when it is subtle (mixed with truth or masked with good intentions) and incremental (the "drift" or "snowball effect" where the effects are felt more with the passing of time). Where do you see examples of this at work in our world today? How does being "in Christ" help us when it comes to navigating the well-crafted arguments of deception?
7. Read verses 5-7 again. What stands out to you about these verses as you consider your own life of faith that follows after Jesus? As you reflect on your own journey of faith, reflect on the following questions.
 - When you say you "accepted Christ Jesus as Lord," (v.6) is this moment pinpointed to a particular moment or simply framed in time for you?
 - How long have you been following Jesus? What have been some key moments of following Jesus in your life?
 - Would you say that "your roots have grown deeper into Christ (v.7)?" What experiences or truths have led to this for you?
 - What areas of your life are "being built on Christ (v.7)?"
8. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer. Reflect on the thought that "confidence in Christ comes through surrender." Take a moment to consider what areas of your life you need to surrender still to Jesus. Write out a prayer, asking God to take what you are surrendering and to grow in your life a deeper confidence in Him.