

“Hidden Treasure”

New Hope Community Church

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Colossians 2:1-7

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A. There Is A Hidden Treasure Awaiting Our Discovery (1-3)

1. Paul struggled from **prison** to help people discover true treasure —
 - The struggle involved **prayer** and written communication (cf 1:9)
 - The treasure would bring forth the potential for —
 - (1) True, heartfelt **encouragement** (2a)
 - (2) Loving, unified **relationships** (2b)
 - (3) Understanding that brings great **confidence** (2c)
 - (4) True knowledge of what God has **revealed** (2d)
 2. Paul reveals the source of God’s available treasure -- **Christ** (2e,3)
 - Fully in Christ we can know the wonderful **truths** of God
 - Fully in Christ we can understand the **application** of such truths
- **QUESTION:** What is the solution for the dilemma that “I know more truth than I am able to put into practice”?

B. Discovering Hidden Treasure Requires Action (4-7)

1. Beware, there are those who would have you search for **fools’ gold**
 - Do not overlook the word “**all**” in verse three
 - With deception many will teach that wisdom is Christ **plus** . . .
2. Settle for nothing less than that which is **God’s** treasure indeed
 - Christ must be fully **received** (6a)
 - Christ must be allowed full **authority** (6b) (cf Ga 2:20)
 - Our faith must be **firmly** supported (5c)
 - This comes by means of a properly **ordered** life (5b) ’
 - This leads to life that has —
 - (1) Roots anchored **deep** in Christ (7a)
 - (2) Character fashioned after the **likeness** of Christ

Personal Response

- Being rooted in Christ leads to wonderful treasure —

‘That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; {and} that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.’ (Eph 3:17-19)