

Contentment in Christ & a Charge

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Colossians 2:1-7

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Paul's Concerns:

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1. The Intensity of Paul's Concern 1

- Struggle – not self-serving but to inform of the spiritual battle which rages
- Paul suffered: Act 9:15-16; Col 1:24-26; 2 Cor 1:8-9
- Paul worked, cared deeply & prayed: 1 Th 2:9; 2 Cor 11:28; Eph 6:12; Col 4:12

2. The Heart of Paul's Concern 2-3

- to encourage them – like name for Spirit: Jn 14:26
- to unite them in love of Christ – importance of local church to believer's faith: "knit in love" same idea as Col 2:19 - where Christ is head of body
- to teach them of Christ – Christ is not a feeling but based upon knowledge. This knowledge is understood as we are knit together as Christ's body.

3. The Motivation behind Paul's Concern 4-5

- beware of "fine sounding arguments" – Christ alone!
- remain firm in your faith in Christ alone, not new ideas!

Paul's Charge:

1. A Birth Walk 6

- Christ – Anointed One or Messiah
 - Prophet - Jn 14:9-10
 - Priest - 1 Tim 2:5; Jn 1:29; Heb 7:26-28
 - King - Ps 2:6-8; 110:1; Phil 2:9-11; Rom 14:11-12
- Jesus – Jesus was God incarnate – a historical person in history. From "Joshua" - the Lord is Salvation.
- Lord – Our Lord purchased us with His blood 1 Cor 6:19-20; 1 Pet 1:18-19

2. Walk in Him 6-7a

- No new truths needed – just hold to these truths & walk in them!

3. Walk in Faith 7b

- Faith is not learning new things – it is simply staying rooted in Christ
- 30 second Gospel Verses: 1 Thes 5:9-10; Eph 2:4-6; John 3:36

4. Walk in Thankfulness 7c

- True believers are abounding in Thanksgiving
- A thankless spirit betrays a life which is NOT focusing on greatness of Christ!



Discuss & Apply:

- Are you struggling for other believers or other potential believers? Your family, missions, co-workers. Who, How are you asking others to join you in this fight?
- Are you intense about your service to Christ like Paul was? What is your priorities instead?
- Do you pray for the power of the Gospel to be made real in you to others?
- Can you do excellent theology outside of a community knit together in Christ? Why or why not? How does this counter Gnostic ideas?
- What are "fine sounding arguments" in today's world which draw us away from Christ?
- Think about Christ as Prophet, Priest & King. How do these help us be rooted and built up in Him?
- Think about each term: Christ; Jesus; Lord. How does each term relate to our faith and the gospel?
- Can you properly Proclaim the Word of God (the Gospel) to someone in 30 seconds? What is your verse? Method? Practice this with others!
- In the illustration above, the "L" over the heads show that believers are constantly LEARNING of Christ. Would that describe you?