Contentment in Christ & a Charge

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Paul's Concerns:

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1. The Intensity of Paul's Concern

- 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

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- 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.

The Motivation behind Paul's Concern

- 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

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- 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

Walk in Him

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

Walk in Faith

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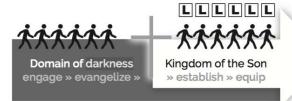
- Faith is not learning new things it is simply staying rooted in Christ
- 30 second Gospel Verses: 1 Thes 5:9-10; Eph 2:4-6; John 3:36

Walk in Thankfulness

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

Rescued and transformed





people gathered around the risen Christ

We are ALL to be bringing others to maturity in Christ! As we are servants (ministers) that will happen as we use the 4 P's:

> **Proclamation of the Word** Prayerful dependence upon Holy Spirit People as God's fellow Workers Perseverance, step by step

L = Disciples are Learners

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?