

## **Colossians 2:1-7** **“Encouragement from a Fellow Worker”**

Paul encourages the Christians in Colossae, who he has never even met, to walk in Christ with love by truly knowing Christ who is the essence of God. Since all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ, Paul encourages them to walk in a deep-rooted faith in Christ rather than depend on others.

1. Reading: Let’s read the Bible.

Let’s read Colossians 2:1-7 and mark the passage as you read it.

[?] ... for a question or doubt.

[!] ... for a good impression. i.e. “I like what this verse says.”

\*Talk about the verses you marked. What did you have a question about or why did you like a particular verse?

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**1** For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, **2** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. **4** I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. **5** For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

*Alive in Christ*

**6** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, **7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

2. Focus: Let’s discuss the focus

Contents: What did you find written here? Make a summary of the contents and express in your own words.

Focus: What is the focus of the selected passage? Summarize. (the answers may vary)

3. Study: Using the questions as hints, let`s study the Bible together.

(1) In verses 1-2, why did Paul struggle for people who he had not yet met?

(2) In verse 2, What does “the mystery of God, Christ” mean?

(3) In verse 3 Paul writes, “Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” which means Christ is the core of the knowledge of faith as well as the knowledge of all things. Do you have anything in your life that you depend on besides Christ?

(4) (Verse 4) In the modern age, are there any plausible arguments that shake your faith? Why are these arguments wrong? What thoughts might be hidden in your mind that shake your faith?

(5) (Verse 7) What does “rooted and built up in him,” mean? Please share if you have had this kind of experience.

(6) How do you approach your friends and co-workers who hold onto faulty arguments so they can be freed from these ways of thinking?

4. Application: How does this apply to our lives?

Share freely new things you have realized or learned from this Bible study.