

Title | Treasures Together

Series | Toward Wholeness

Text | Colossians 2:1-5

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Colossians 2:1 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. ESV

Big Idea:

Sermon Notes

Colossians 2:2 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 ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Colossians 2:1. The apostle Paul, the author of Colossians, had never been to see the believers in the church in Colossae face to face, so in what way(s) did he struggle for them and why does he want them to know of his struggle?

Tuesday:

Read Colossians 2:2-3. What is the overriding purpose of Paul's struggle on behalf of the believers in the area of Colossae?

Wednesday:

Reread Colossians 2:2-3. How does this relate to the notion that the hidden treasure of wholeness is something to be found in the wisdom and knowledge of man-made religion or philosophy or enlightened thinking? Where is wholeness to be found?

Thursday:

In Colossians 2:2-3, why do you think Paul emphasizes reaching for treasures in Christ together and not just individually? What might this have to do with being deluded in verse 4?

Friday:

If it is true that all the treasures worth having are in Jesus and that we find wholeness in discovering them together, how can you apply this to your life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you that all the treasures worth having are in Jesus. Help me to find ways to discover these treasures in community with other believers. Amen.