

Sunday, September 27, 2020—Colossians 2:2-5 The Treasures of Wisdom & Knowledge

Colossians 2:2

- **That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;**
- **That their hearts might be comforted**—is the first thing Paul wanted and prayed for regarding those who had not “seen his face in the flesh.”
 - Colossians 4:7-8
 - II Corinthians 1:4-6
 - I Thessalonians 5:4
 - II Thessalonians 2:16
 - Romans 15:13
- **being knit together in love**—note the present tense on the word “being” in this phrase. I take this to mean that these saints are to take “comfort” from the fact that they are in the present “knit together in love.”
 - Colossians 2:19
 - Ephesians 4:16
- **and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding**—this phrase harkens back to Paul’s prayer for the Colossians in Chapter 1 Verse 9.

Ephesians 1:17-18

- **to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ**—“the full assurance of understanding” is wrapped up in them “acknowledging” the following three mysteries.
- **mystery of God**—is the fulfillment of the prophetic program that was declared to the OT prophets.
 - Revelation 10:7
 - Amos 3:7
- **mystery of the Father**—what God the Father will accomplish in the dispensation of the fullness of times in gathering together all things in Christ.

- Ephesians 1:3-10
- **mystery of Christ**—that Gentiles should be fellowheirs in the body of Christ as revealed during the dispensation of grace.
 - Ephesians 3:4-6
 - Colossians 4:3
- God wants us to acknowledge these things. That word acknowledge has to do with having the full knowledge of the mystery of God and of the Father and of Christ. Paul says in Eph. 3:9 that one of our missions is to make all men see “the fellowship of the mystery.”
- There is a comfort that comes from knowing what God is doing and where we fit into God’s eternal purpose.

Colossians 2:3

- **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**
- Paul wrote the book of Colossians to combat the philosophy of Gnosticism that had crept into the church. The Gnostics believed that there was this kind of mystical knowledge that a person could know and experience. Therefore, Paul spends so much time in Colossians 1 and 2 speaking of the mystery.
- Paul goes on to say that in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. If we want true wisdom and knowledge, we need to learn Christ.
 - I Corinthians 1:20
 - I Corinthians 2:6
 - I Corinthians 2:19
- Colossians 2:3—talk about The Social Dilemma documentary.
 - Only two industries in the world that calls their customers “users” the illicit drug trade and social media.
 - People are being feed two versions of reality based upon what they like and view.
 - They are prying on our weaknesses.