## THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

The Fullness of Deity Dwelling in Christ

# All The Treasures of Wisdom & Knowledge

Colossians 1: 28-2: 5

Introduction: As Paul leads in to the details of his defense of the sufficiency of Christ, he expresses his passion and struggle for the Colossians and Laodiceans that opens for us a wealth of insight and encouragement in our pursuit of knowing Jesus Christ.

### WORD STUDY of VERSE TWO

ίνα παρακληθώσιν αἱ καρδίαι αὐτών συμβιβασθέντες ἀγάπη INA PARAKALEO AI KARDIA AUTON SUMBIBASTHENTES EN **AGAPE** In order that 1 \_2\_\_\_\_ of them being \_\_\_\_3\_ καὶ ϵἰς πᾶν πλοῦτος τῆς πληροφορίας τῆς συνέσεως, KAI EIS PAN PLOUTOS TACE PLEROPHORIAS TACE SUNESEOS And unto all riches, wealth of the full assurance of the insight, understanding €ic ἐπίγνωσιν τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ θεοῦ, Χριστοῦ, **EPIGNOSIN** TOU MUSTERIOU TOU **CHRISTOU** THEOU, Into, unto (a) full [experiential] knowledge of the Mystery **CHRIST** of (the) God:

#### 1. Parakaleo



- 2. Kardia
- 3. Sumbibasthentes
- 4. Epignosin

Amplified Translation: In order that the core of their being (thoughts, mind, will) from which flows the purpose and direction of their lives might be strengthened and established (which brings comfort and encouragement) being brought into unity of teaching and knowledge in the bonds of love and attaining (growing into) all the wealth that comes from a settled conviction of understanding (perception and insight, wisdom in application to life) resulting in an ever increasing understanding gained by experience regarding the Mystery of God which is, in reality, the Person of Jesus Christ. It is in Him that ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden. I say this so that no one will come along with false logic and attempt to persuade you through false reasoning bringing you into a deluded state of mind.

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me. 1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. 5 For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ. Colossians 1: 24-2: 1 (NASB)

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1.)	Discuss and explain your understanding of the word "parakaleo" or "paraklete."
2.)	In what way does this word bring you comfort and encouragement? Where else is it used in the New Testament?
3.)	In what way does having our understanding come together bring unity and deepen love?
4.)	Where can we find all of the treasurers of wisdom and knowledge?
5.)	How are these treasures uncovered? How can we gain access in order to be able to enjoy them?
6.)	Why is sound doctrine so very important in the daily experience of living and walking with Jesus Christ?
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