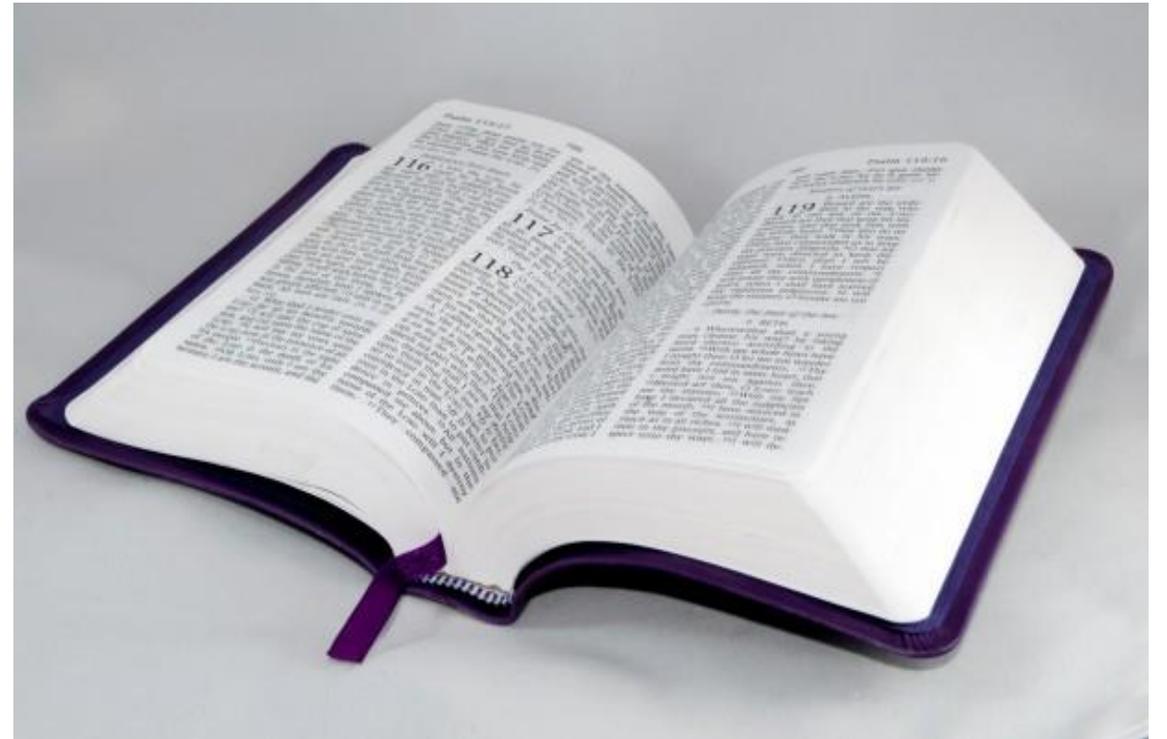


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(Colossians 2:1-7)



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Colossians 2:1-2

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 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;

Colossians 2:3-5

³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. ⁵ For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.



QUESTIONS

- What does growing in Christ look like?
- Why is that important to God?
- Why should that be important to you?



A LOOK AT THE THOUGHTS OF PAUL

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

- He agonized over the confusion caused by false teachers in Colossae.
 - Why Such agony?



A LOOK AT PAUL'S DESIRE OF US

¹ For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).



TO GROW IN CHRIST INVOLVES FOUR THINGS

Our desire to grow in Christ and see others grow in Christ involves 4 things:

- Giving **Comfort** (encouragement)
- Being **Connected**
- Having **Confidence**
- Showing **Christian Conduct**

1. Giving Comfort – 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;

- ❖ *Are Christians ever in a state of needing Comfort?*
- ❖ *Is anything wrong with that if they are?*
- ❖ *What can happen if a Christian is not comforted?*
- ❖ *What should we use to give comfort?*



The Local
Church
is God's
Support Group



2. Being Connected— Colossians 2:2b

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- ❖ How is it demonstrated?
- ❖ What are the benefits?



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3. Having Confidence— Colossians 2:2c-3

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;

There is no understanding of God apart from a personal relationship with Christ Jesus.



³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

3. Having Confidence– Colossians 2:4

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

Paul does not want any of us to be fooled.

Has anyone tried to fool you about:

- ✓ You knowing God,
- ✓ your relationship with God,
- ✓ or about God in Jesus Christ?



**How did you
handle it?**

3. Having Confidence— Colossians 2:4

⁴ And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

*Every believer must understand that Christ is **ALL** they need so no one can fool them with their words.*

¹⁰ If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: ¹¹ For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (2 John 1:10-11)

3. Having Confidence— Colossians 2:5

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

**Order:
like a good soldier
on duty!**



4. Showing Christian conduct— Colossians 2:6-7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

We are to walk, or live, in Christ like we originally received Him.

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BY
faith

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Any
Questions?