


1  **In the World,
But not
Of the World**

Colossians 2:1-5

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Paul's struggle ~

The concentrated, sustained effort

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We join this struggle to encourage and unite in love...

~ in prayer for one another

~ in reaching toward the riches together

~ in faithful fellowship and confession

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13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

14 in Whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

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16 For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through Him
and for Him.

17 And He is before all things,
and in Him all things hold together.

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18 And He is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything He might be preeminent.

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19 For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
20 and through Him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of His cross.

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Communion ~ our confession of the
Beloved Son

Our redeemer
Our reconciler
Our Lord
Our brother

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Metaphor of wealth or treasure ~

with reference to knowledge, understanding and wisdom

Contrast with poverty or impoverishment

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according to Christ

In whom are hidden all the treasures...

That no one may delude you...