

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST

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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
COLOSSIANS

Bible study for the week starting June 11, 2023

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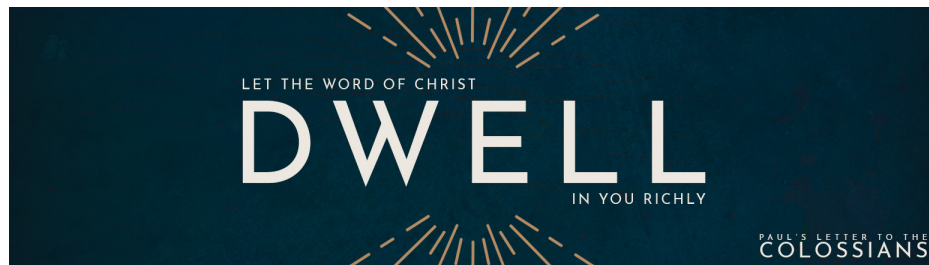
What do you consider to be your greatest treasure? What would you give up to keep your greatest treasure? Why do you think it is important to take stock of what we treasure? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also." Do you see that true in your life? When Jesus wants you to evaluate what you treasure, is He concerned with your stuff...or your heart?

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. **Read Matthew 13:44—46.** Is this how we view the gospel? Is the Gospel your greatest treasure? Sometimes we take our greatest treasures for granted. Do you ever take the Gospel for granted?
2. **Read COLOSSIANS 2:1-5** In this one paragraph Paul gives his purpose for writing, a warning, and a compliment.
  - a. **Purpose:** "encouraged and united to know Christ the true treasure." **Warning:** "don't be deceived..." **Compliment:** You are orderly and your faith is firm.
  - b. If Paul were writing to you...his purpose would be the same, but what do you think his **warning** and his **compliment** would be to you?
3. **Read COLOSSIANS 2:6-7** How is your christian walk?
  - a. Agriculture or architecture..."Rooted" or "built up." Plant or building? Growing or stable? Or Neither?
4. **Read COLOSSIANS 2:8-23** Paul is writing against the Colossian heresy.
  - a. The Colossian Heresy: And every heresy is in essence trying to add to Christ...
    - i. Ceremonialism- "What you do."
    - ii. Asceticism- "What you don't do"
    - iii. Secret Knowledge- Jesus plus anything (in this case Gnosticism: Spirit > Flesh).
  - b. What do we add to Christ? Where do we find our completeness?
  - c. Read again **Colossians 2: 9-12**. We are connected to Christ through baptism...not our doing but His doing. How does this bring you comfort?
5. **Read various verses: Deuteronomy 7:6, Deuteronomy 14:2, Deuteronomy 26:18, Psalm 135:4, Malachi 3:17, Titus 2:14.** What does the bible say about treasure? YOU are His treasure.

## PRAY

Pray that we would know that we are the treasured possession of Almighty God...and that we would know that Jesus truly is OUR greatest treasure.



## "Treasure Hunt"

### Colossians 2

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“For where your treasure is, there your HEART will be also” (Mt. 6:21).

“God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the TREASURES of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3).

#### The Colossian Heresy:

- 1.) Ceremonialism – “What you DO.”
- 2.) Asceticism – “What you DON’T do.”
- 3.) Secret Knowledge: really anything that adds to CHRIST (Spirit > Body i.e. Gnosticism)

“The gospel is not good ADVICE to men, but good NEWS about Christ; not an invitation to us to do anything, but a DECLARATION of what God has done; not a demand, but an offer.” – John Stott

You were DEAD ... God made ALIVE together...(2:13).

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his TREASURED POSSESSION, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth” (Deuteronomy 14:2).

*For next week, read Colossians 3.*