

**THE DEEPER LIFE – Freedom from Deceit  
Colossians 2:1-10**

**Deceit** – the action, or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth.

**(Proverbs 27:12)** A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; The simple pass on and are punished.

**(Revelation 3:15-17)** “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.”

God’s measurement for **success** is “intimacy.”

**(Revelation 3:20)** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

**Three antidotes** against deceit.

**First** *antidote* is **Love** – (v.1, 2a)

**(1 John 4:20-21)** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

**knitted together** – *sympibazo* – to unite in affection.

“Love” also “**enriches**” our fellowship in **three ways**.

- 1) “**full assurance**” – confidence, in Christ.
- 2) “**understanding**” – literally, flowing together with; harmony, in Christ.
- 3) “**knowledge**” – precise, correct knowledge.

**(1 John 4:7-8)** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**Second** *antidote*. **Right Persuasion** – (v.3-5)

**(Luke 12:34)** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

(Isaiah 66:2b) “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.”

Revival begins when we learn to “tremble.

(Psalm 119:25) My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

(v.4) “persuasive words” – speech adapted to persuade; specious (spee-shuhs) discourse leading others to error.

Specious – *superficially plausible, but actually wrong.*

(1 Timothy 6:20-21) O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge — by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith.

(v.5b) treasuring God’s word has a two-fold effect. Produces, “order” and “steadfastness of faith!”

Steadfast: *stereoma* (ste-reh-o-ma) – a fortified place.

Third *antidote* - Walking in Christ – (v.6-10).

2 Corinthians 11:3-4.

Acrostic K.I.S.S. – *keep It Simple Saints!*

(Micah 6:8) He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

(v.8) Philosophy – the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence; a system of thought.

Christ is our “system of thought!”

(v.9, 10) (Psalm 84:11) For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

Because we are complete “in Him,” we have this “promise!”

CONCLUSION: Psalm 32:1-7.

“His truth and mercy” is greater than all “deceit!”