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Maturing to Greater Depths

Colossians 1:15-2:5

“We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the **wisdom** and **understanding** that the Spirit gives, so that you may **live a life worthy** of the Lord and please him in every way:”

– Col. 1:9-10 (NIV)

“**bearing fruit** in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who **has qualified you** to share in the **inheritance** of his holy people in the kingdom of light.”

– Col. 1:10-12 (NIV)

“For he has **rescued us** from the
dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son
he loves, in whom we have **redemption**,
the forgiveness of sins.”

– Col. 1:13-14 (NIV)

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

if you **continue in your faith, established and firm**, and **do not move from the hope** held out in the gospel.

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”

– Col. 1:21-23 (NIV)

“Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you,
and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in
regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his
body, which is the church.”

– Col. 1:24 (NIV)

“I have become its servant by the commission
God gave me to present to you the word of God
in its fullness—

the **mystery** that has been kept hidden for ages
and generations, but is **now disclosed** to
the Lord’s people.

To them God has chosen to make known among
the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery,
which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**”

– Col. 1:25-27 (NIV)

“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may **present everyone fully mature** in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

– Col. 1:28-29 (NIV)

“I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, **Christ**, in whom are **hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**”

– Col. 2:1-3 (NIV)

“I tell you this so that no one may deceive you
by fine-sounding arguments.

For though I am absent from you in body, I am
present with you in spirit and delight to see how
disciplined you are and how firm your faith
in Christ is.”

– Col. 2:4-5 (NIV)

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