

Sermon February 24, 2019- Pastor Karl Payne
Col.2:1-10

Intro: Report, Reflections and Thoughts from the trip to India.

Funny— Inspiring Selfless Service—Fruitful Preaching— Concern—
Admonition to the Leadership—Kids Choir

Selfless service does not guarantee theological orthodoxy, transferable discipleship training or numerical growth.

Theological orthodoxy does not guarantee selfless service, transferable discipleship training or numerical growth.

Biblical based transferable discipleship training will consistently produce theological orthodoxy, selfless service and numerical growth.

Theological orthodoxy, selfless service and evangelism should be the byproducts of consistent transferable discipleship training, but none of the three are the primary focus of the Great Commission or Great Command Jesus Christ commanded us to obey to ensure the success of Christian living or Christian ministry. The primary focus of His command or commission is: Make Disciples! Anything less ultimately represents disobedience to His command or commission, and the damage that will follow, short or long term, will become evident with time; not “if”, but “when”.

The context involves a church that began well and immediately expanded into growing ministries in the neighboring cities of Laodicea and Hierapolis; but within a few years was embroiled in theological confusion because of Gnostic Elitism (**2:1-10**), Jewish Legalism (**2:11-17**), Greek Mysticism (**2:19-19**), and Greek and Jewish Asceticism (**2:20-23**).

Col.1:25-29 sets the historical context. **Col.2:1-10** demonstrate Paul’s methodology for confronting false teachers and theological errors, which must be confronted, not ignored or accommodated.

Col. 2:1-4	Paul the Prayer Warrior
Col.2:5-7	Paul the Admonisher and Encourager
Col.2:8-10	Paul the Apologist and Discipleship Trainer

Several Take A Ways:

Jesus Christ is God and Creator, not a god, an aeon or emanation of God: **Col.1:15-17; Col.2:9, John 1:1-3, John 1:14.**

Christians are complete and equals in Jesus Christ: **1 Cor.12:12-13; Col.1:26, 1:28, 2:2, 2:3, 2:8, 2:10, Col.3:11; Gal.3:28.**

Jesus Christ’s authority is over all authority: **Col.1:16, Col.2:10; Matt.28:18; Eph.1:18-23. Phil.2:5-11.**

A Christian’s commitment to biblical truth must take priority over the fear of hurting feelings.