

Epistle to the Colossians
Wednesday Evening Bible Class – Colossians Chapter 2
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Section 1 Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

1. The first part of **chapter 2** is Paul continuing to explain one of his _____ for laboring so hard for those in Christ; it was to “**present every man _____ in _____**” (**cf. Col. 1:28**), that is, for Christians to achieve spiritual _____ or _____ in Christ.
2. For them to obtain this spiritual maturity or completeness, Paul _____ and _____ to help them with the _____ that he received from _____ (**cf. Phil. 4:13**).
3. Colossians **chapter 2** can be divided into sections:
 - **Section 1** – Paul’s Great Conflict or Concern (**vv. 1-7**); and
 - **Section 2** – Paul’s Warning to the Colossians (**vv. 8-23**).

SECTION ONE – Paul’s Great Conflict or Concern (**vv. 1-7**)

1. **Chapter 2** opened with Paul continuing his _____ of the Colossians to remain _____ and _____ in the _____ (**truth**) that they had been _____ (**cf. Col. 1:23; 2:7**).
2. In **verse 1**, Paul stated that he had a “**great _____**” for the _____, _____, and for many he had not seen.
 - 1) This “**great conflict**” was _____ of Paul; earlier in **Colossians 1:29**, he used an athletic metaphor of a person _____ (**struggling**).
 - 2) Paul informed the Colossians of how greatly he had _____ for them; he had _____ for them, _____ about them, and constantly _____ about them.
 - 3) He had a great _____ for these Christians (**Col. 2:1**).

4) Paul had a deep concern for other _____ (cf. **2 Cor. 11:28; Rom. 10:1; Gal. 4:19; Phil. 1:8; 2 Thess. 2:8**).

5) In **Colossians 4:12-13**, _____ had developed a deep concern for the Christians of Colossae.

3. In **verses 2-3**, Paul stated several desires for these Christians:

1) To be _____ (**strengthened or comforted**) - (**v. 2**)

- Paul imitated _____ concern for others (cf. **1 Cor. 11:1**).
- The Lord wants Christians to be free of _____ and _____ (cf. **Jo. 14:1, 27**).
- **Thought Question:** Do we have a concern for others in the church?

2) To be _____ together in _____ (**v. 2**)

- Paul wanted the Colossians to care for one another like _____ and _____ cared for each other (cf. **1 Sam. 18:1**).
- For Christians to achieve true unity in a congregation, there must be _____ for one another (cf. **1 Pet. 1:22**).

3) To have full _____ (**confidence**) of _____ (**v. 2**).

- He desired for them to have a good _____ of their salvation and source of their spiritual _____ (cf. **Eph. 1:3-7; Col. 1:12-14**).

4) To have a _____ of the _____ of God (**Christ**) (**v. 2**), that is, what had been revealed or made known about _____ by the _____ through the _____ (cf. **Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:3-6**).

- Paul describes, in Colossians, three mysteries:
 - the _____ as the _____ of Christ - **Col. 1:24-26**,
 - the indwelling of _____ - **Col. 1:27**, and
 - the true _____ of comfort are found in the _____ and _____ of gospel of Jesus Christ - **Col. 2:2-3**.

7. From **verses 2-3**, the following three reasons can be deduced as to why God gave His word to us.

- 1) To increase our _____,
- 2) To provide assurance of our _____, and
- 3) To assist in the _____ or _____ of those “in Christ”.

8. As Paul was encouraging these Christians to keep reaching for spiritual maturity or completeness, he gave them a _____ in **verse 4**.

- The _____ was for the Colossians to not allow anyone to _____ them, that is, to _____, or to _____ them.
- The _____ or _____ were attempting to take from them their _____ (**Col. 1:12**).
- One of the methods the deceivers used to spoil or rob people was _____.
- Paul warned us in **Romans 16:17-18** to “_____” those who cause _____ and _____ people with smooth _____ and flattering _____.
- Today, all people must do as John the apostle commanded to do in **1 John 4:1**, that is, to _____ every religious _____.

9. In **verses 5-7**, Paul stated his _____ in the present _____ status of the Colossians.

10. Although Paul was in _____ at the time he wrote this epistle, he felt as if he was present with the Colossians; he was “_____ in the _____” but “with them in _____” (**v. 5**).

11. In latter portion of **verse 5**, Paul gave his _____ of their spiritual status:

- they had not given over to _____ (**deceivers’ persuasive words**),
- they were in _____,
- they were in “**good _____**”, that is, they were walking as good _____ (**another metaphor**), and
- they were displaying their _____ of their _____ (**keep holding-on**).

12. In **verses 5-6**, Paul stated two indicators involved in obtaining their spiritual maturity or completeness.

- The first indicator was that they had received _____ as _____, that is, they were allowing _____ to control their _____ (**cf. Gal. 2:20**), and
- The second indicator was that they were _____ like a _____ (another metaphor); the Colossians were:
 - 1) “_____” - firmly fixed,
 - 2) “_____ **up in** _____” - growing or continuing in Christ’s teaching,
 - 3) “_____ **in the** _____” -grounded in the truth, and
 - 4) “_____ **in it with** _____” - develop an attitude of gratitude.