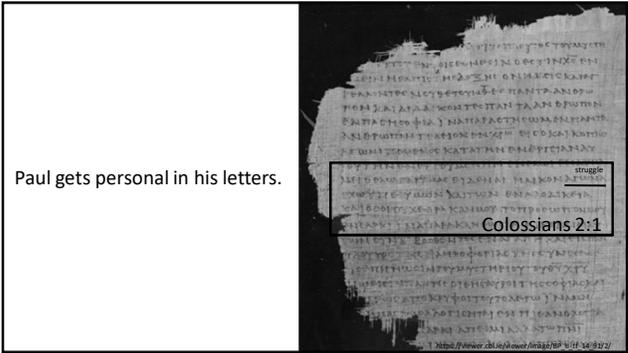


COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ



- ### OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS
1. Introduction and prayers (1:1-14)
 2. The supremacy of Christ and Paul's work proclaiming Him (1:15-2:5)
 3. Encouragement to hold firmly to Christ and a warning about false spirituality (2:6-23)
 4. Instructions about new life in Christ and the renewed relationships it produces (3:1-4:6)
 5. Closing greetings (4:7-18)

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2:1-5

1. Paul is personal with the Colossians.

For I want you to know how great a **struggle** I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face,

Colossians 2:1

Colossians 4:12 Hebrews 13:17 Colossians 1:29

2. Paul desires spiritual health for the Colossians.

that their hearts may be **encouraged**, being knit **together in love**, to reach all the riches of **full assurance** of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ

Colossians 2:2

Ezekiel 36:26 Colossians 4:8 Colossians 3:14 Hebrews 6:11

3. The body of Christ seeks treasure in Christ.

Christ, in whom are hidden all the **treasures** of wisdom and knowledge

Colossians 2:3



Psalm 119:162
Proverbs 2

4. The body of Christ resists false teaching.

I say this in order that no one may **delude** you with plausible arguments.

Colossians 2:4



2 Timothy 4:2-4

5. The body of Christ is in good order.

For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your **good order** and the **firmness** of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2:5



Colossians 1:4-6

Application: now is the time!

By the power of God,
seek to know Christ,
and personally invest in others' maturity in Christ.