

Sermon Notes for Young People

May 26, 2019 | Colossians 2:1-5, "The Blessings of Union"

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Struggle (v. 1)

1. What is the most obvious connection between verses 1:29 and 2:1?
2. Whom specifically does Paul have in mind?
3. Paul's Motivation
 - a. Why does Paul become involved in the internal affairs of other churches?
 - b. What is the fruit of love for Jesus?
 - c. **Application:** How does love for Jesus motivate you?

B. Strength (vv. 2-3)

1. The Nature of Strength (v. 2)
 - a. What does Paul mean by "heart"?
 - b. How does Paul seek to strengthen, encourage, and comfort the Colossians (and us)?
 - c. **Application:** what is the only firm support in the Christian life?
2. Fruit of Strength (v. 2)
 - a. Theological Knowledge is not an _____, but leads to _____ and _____.
 - b. **Application:** the claims of Christianity and the gospel are verified as true by what?

- c. **Application:** What does Paul mean by "love"?

3. Privilege of Strength (v. 2)

- a. How can "full assurance" of understanding be achieved?
- b. Why is loving unity necessary before deeper spirituality can be experienced?
- c. What role does understanding God's love play in coming to full assurance?

4. Preeminence of Christ (vv. 2-3)

- a. What were some of the supplements or additions offered to the church in Colossae?
- b. Christ relates how to the "mystery of God"?
- c. **Application:** How has God made Himself known chiefly?

C. Fortification (vv. 4-5)

1. Advance Preparation (v. 4)

- a. What is the best weapon to fortify against falsehood?
- b. What are the tactics of the False Teachers?

2. Paul's Joy (v. 5)

- a. What is meant by "holy catholic church"?
- b. Why does Paul's union with them bring him joy in this case?

III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: