



Grace Ambassadors Bible Fellowship

Colossians Book Summary

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Lesson 3, 2:1-23 | *You in Christ, rooted and built up*

1. Review & Overview

- a. Mystery: (Ch.1) **hidden** purpose → (Ch. 2) wisdom → (Ch. 3) life in Christ
- b. **What we will encounter in Ch. 2:** A faithful minister of Christ laboring by comforting, warning & teaching saints in all wisdom & spiritual understanding to cut off occasion of the fleshly mind by holding the Head.
- c. (1) In Christ (2) Established (3) Hope in the Head → **Translation to Presentation** (1:12-22)
- d. Exhorts to (1) Continue in the faith (2) Grounded + Settled → **Not moved away** (1:23)
- e. (1:28,29) Labors (1) preaching (2) teaching w/ wisdom *“that we may present”* (cf. 1:22)

2. The Faithful Minister:

- a. (2:1-7) **COMFORTS fellow-members:** by (1) writing (2) knitting (2Ths2:13-17; Col2:19)
 - i. (v.2) **Assuring** → understand & know. of suffering – 2Tim1:3:10-14
 - ii. (v.2-3) **Full assurance** → riches of manif. wisdom (Col1:27; Eph3:10; Phil4:19)
 - iii. (v.4) **Contends** → seeks to blunt *“enticing words”* by true **wisdom’s source**
 - iv. (v.5) **Affirming** → *“I am with you”* (1) joying in (2) order & (3) steadfastness
 - v. (v.6-7) **Exhorting** → *“as ye...received...so walk”* (1) Rooted + Built Up (2) Stablished in the faith *“as ye have been taught”* **tradition’s source** (2Ths2:15)
- b. (2:4,8,18) **WARNS of Spoiling Operations:** feeding the fleshly mind – Rom8:6-8
 - i. (2:4,8,16-17) **Origin:** (1) World & (1) Israel → Ac17:16-32; 1Cor1:18-22
 - ii. **Rudiments:** (2) “natural” & (2) “spiritual” → Gal4:8-11; Rom7:5,8
 - iii. **Quality:** (3) vain deceit & (3) shadows →
 - iv. **Timeframe:** (4) Present evil & (4) Things to come → Gal1:4; Heb10:1
 - v. **Consequences:** You are left beguiled (v.4), spoiled (v.8), judged (v.16) & subjected (v.20) while part of a perishable (v.22-23), vain shew of ignorant will worship → **Dishonor the Head**
 - vi. Cuts off affectionate occasion → 2Cor11:1-4,11-15
 - vii. Promotes zeal of a good thing, not flesh (Gal4:18; 5:13; Rom7:18 → **1Tim4:1-6**)
- c. (v.9-15) **TEACHES God’s Operation:** feeding the spiritual mind – 1Cor2:5-16; 12:4-6
 - i. **Completion in the Head** of all princ. & power by grace through faith (Eph1:13):
 1. **Spiritual** (1) circumcision (2) baptism (3) quickening
 2. **Judicial** (1) death (2) planting (3) life – Gal5:11; 6:14-15; Rom6:6 | Rom6:3-4; 1Cor12:13; Eph1:19; 2:6; 4:5 | 1Cor15:16-20,45
 - ii. **Hidden Origin:** (1) Christ eternal → before philo/trad; **Rudiments:** (2) mind of Christ; **Quality:** (3) Complete/Perfect/Fulfilled; **Timeframe:** (4) But Now!
 - iii. **Consequences:** You are left (1) edified (2) enriched (3) un-condemned (4) liberated in Christ – Gal6:14; Rom6:14 → **Col1:12**
- d. (v.19-20) **HOLDS the Head:** Through an (1) eternally (2) nourished (3) tradition (4) subject to righteousness – 1Cor15:1-4; Rom6:16-18; Cf. Eph4:14-16