

# COLOSSIANS

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### Review of Background

- Occasion: False teachers have promised ritual ways to experience God’s presence and blessing (mysticism/legalism). Paul’s correction in the letter is that those who have trusted in Jesus can already experience the fullness of God’s presence through what has been provided already for the believer in Jesus.
- Theme verse: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2:9-10)
- Theme of the Class: Life in our Supreme & Sufficient Savior

### Class Outline

- Part 1: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Thinking (1-3:4)
- Part 2: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Living (3:5-4:6)

## Lesson 5 – Colossians 2:1-7

### We must truly know and walk with Jesus!

1. We must endeavor to know Jesus (2:1-3).
  - a. Encourage each other to know Jesus (1-2a).
  - b. Enjoy rich confidence in knowing Jesus (2b).
  - c. Endeavor to know more of Jesus (2c-3).
  
2. Learn to walk with Jesus (2:4-7).
  - a. Walk in Him in confident faith (4-6a).
  - b. Walk with Him with growing strength (7).
  - c. Walk in Him with abounding thankfulness (7b).

## Application

- Encourage others to know Him. We need to encourage one another to grow in Christ – to know Him. We can help to strengthen our resolve in our thoughts, emotions, and wills. In the passage, there are a few ways this encouragement comes:
  - Work – “how great my struggle/burden for you...” May refer to prayer! We can labor for one another – especially in prayer! We ought to labor in prayer for our relationships with Christ. There’s no more critical prayer request!
  - Communication – “I want you to know” To share how we are burdened, caring, and praying for one another.
  - Unity – “being knit together in love” – Love will develop our unity around this purpose – to grow in Christ – to know Him.
- Enjoy full confidence in knowing Him. We must encourage one another toward knowing Jesus and growing in Him. When we encourage one another, we will enjoy a rich confidence in Jesus. Are you experiencing the rich confidence of knowing Jesus? You can fight weak faith, unbelief, and doubt by knowing Jesus! If you are doubting, get into the Word to know Him better.
- Endeavor to know more of Him. We must endeavor to know more of Jesus. The riches of knowledge and wisdom in Jesus never end.

- Walk in Him in Confident Faith. Turn away from all and walk in the sufficiency of Jesus. Look to Him for help. In Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. We can have confidence in Him. There is great corporate language regarding our church family. Even though Paul had not met them and wasn't with them, they could be unified through the same Spirit who they had obtained through faith in Jesus. As a church body, they were described in military terms. Together they were disciplined, strong, presenting together a unified front of stability in their faith in Jesus.
  
- Walk in Him with growing strength. In this section, all the verbs were passive actions: rooted in Jesus, built up in Jesus, and established in the faith. These are things Jesus does in us as we walk with Him and know Him more.
  
- Walk with Him in abundant thanksgiving. Our Christian walk must be abundant with thanksgiving. We must stop to thank God for His character and works. Thanksgiving is a way of life. When we are converted by receiving Jesus, we have everything to be thankful for.