

The Strength Of A Church!

Colossians 2:1-7

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Colossians 2:2, *My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ...⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him,⁷ rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

The Strength Of The Church Is Found In:

1. A Purposeful PEOPLE

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- A Purposeful People Are Encouraged In HEART
- A Purposeful People Are United In LOVE
- A Purposeful People Are Committed To CHRIST

Philippians 1:27, *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in My absence, I will*

know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel...

2. An Unwavering Commitment To SOUND DOCTRINE

Colossians 2:4, *I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.*

- Sound Doctrine Is Important Because What We Believe AFFECTS What We Do!

2 Timothy 3:16, *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 4:2, *Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*

3. A People Committed To Spiritual PROGRESS

Colossians 2:6, *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him,⁷ rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

- Spiritual Progress Begins At YOUR SALVATION

Colossians 1:21, *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation...*

- Spiritual Progress Continues Throughout YOUR LIFE

Colossians 1:23, *...if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.*

- Spiritual Progress Strengthens YOUR FAITH

Colossians 1:27, *...Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.*

- Spiritual Progress Is Verified In YOUR THANKFULNESS

Next Steps:

1. 4th At The Creek Celebration and Fireworks
2. Explore God coming September - October 2015