

# Hidden With Christ, The Greatest Treasure – Part 1

## Colossians 2:1-7

### A. Context: Contending and suffering for the hope of glory

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel, withheld from generations of God's people, has now been revealed to believers through Christ. (Colossians 1)
2. The glorious \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in the lives of believers enables us to suffer and \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gospel, the Church, and the glory of God. (2 Timothy 4:1-8)

### B. Enduring wealth and pure unity can only be \_\_\_\_\_ through the true knowledge of Christ. v.1-3

1. Paul's great desire and struggle for the church was for them to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and to experience His abundant \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The more we come to know Jesus and His Gospel, the \_\_\_\_\_ our perspective will be; when we comprehend the treasure that we have in Him, our \_\_\_\_\_ will be sweeter and more purely a reflection of Him. (Ephesians 4:17-32, Romans 11:33-12:21)

### C. The believer's greatest \_\_\_\_\_ against false teaching is found in his identity with Christ. v.4-5

1. Paul reminded the \_\_\_\_\_ of their wealth in Christ (and encouraged their faithfulness to Him) so that they would be protected in their \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
2. We can avoid the pitfalls of the flesh and \_\_\_\_\_ the persuasions of the enemy if we are \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus and finding in Him our \_\_\_\_\_ and joy. (2 Corinthians 4:7-14, 1 John 3:1-3)

### D. When believers know and understand that Christ is their greatest \_\_\_\_\_, their lives will reflect Him and overflow with joyful thanksgiving. v.6-7

1. Paul exhorted the Colossians to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and be grounded in the faith because Jesus was their \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 5:16-25)
2. When we come to understand and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ – who He is, what He's done, and the authority He now has over our lives – we are \_\_\_\_\_ to walk in Him and to abound in the life He has for us with thankful hearts. (Philippians 4:4-9, 1 Thessalonians 3:11-4:2)

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A. 1-mystery, 2-indwelling, contend, B.-obtained, 1-know, prosperity, 2-clearer, communion, C.-protection, 1-believers, relationship, 2-overcome, focused, satisfaction, D.-treasure, 1-walk, Lord, 2-accept, empowered