

Col 2 - Let no man judge you by "obligations & opportunities."

→ "unto all patience . . ." - cf Psa 103:8 - "slow to anger"

vs 9 + vs 10 - "field of knowledge" . . . & "increasing in knowledge of O" - obedience to present knowledge leads to real knowledge → & notes it is knowledge of Him.

Intro = knowledge produces action - profound knowledge = profound action - profoundly affect.

- Columbus ; & Galileo - earth revolve around sun; Harvey - circulation system - Einstein - Relativity, splitting atom
→ James & Romans 5 - Rejoice in Tribulation, "knowing . . . "

Compare 1:13^{d v.6} w/ 1:23 - 1:5 - heard, hope, gospel

1:23 - hope, gospel, heard

1:3 - No satisfying of grace or growth - always more - dynamic not static

The Gospel (in word & truth) reveals the hope, which leads to faith in X, & love to all the saints

The Nature of the Gospel Col 1:3-8

1 - It is the word of truth

2 - It reveals the hope laid up in heaven

3 - It leads to faith in X & love to all the saints

4 - It reveals the grace of O

5 - It bears fruit

~ 6 - It is humanly transmitted . . . the gospel

Possible Atro: They bear, bearing those who bear it, never fought for it - every executive generation gets farther from it, less sacred - what was sacred to the fathers becomes silly to the children