

Col 2-3:4

I The - the goal = 2:1 - 'encouraged in heart, united in love' - so that we have full understanding & riches in X

2 - You're already doing good - orderly & firm in faith

3 - But there is danger - ① "I struggle" - cf 1:24, 28, 29

② a hint of danger - vs 4 deception by fine sounding arguments

4 - So here's what you must do vs 6, 7 -

II - The Dangers -

1 - Intellectualism - vs 8 - ① New Age, conservative issues, characteristics, New Age - Gnosticism

② No answer - vs 9, 10 & vs 3 → Note: The Powers - 2:14, 15

2 - Ritualism - vs 16 - ① dead & alive churches? - Traditional & new - ② Answer - they are shadows, X is reality - meals & food

3 - Mysticism - vs 18 - ① Visions, direct revelation, - we attach deep spirituality to "out-of-body" experiences - experienced before the War

② Answer - separated from the head - eclipse only himself, his experience rather than contribute to the good of the whole body "Koin growth is a group effort." the individuals need each other.

4 - Legalism - vs 20 ① don't, rules & regulations

② These look good vs 23

③ Answer vs 23^a - They are of no value

13. Col 3:1-3 - Seek X - dedicated not to a new rule a regulator, but to Him

executive Col. 2:16, 17 - continue as started - rooted, built up.

4. marks of a faithful servant - 4:12, 13
Ephraim

© No life I live in / ~~the~~ ~~grounded~~
(3 the help I will live is allowed)

Col 2:6, 7

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Continue in Him, rooted - roots go down deep,
Fault, etc - why X?

- 1- Because v. 9, all fulness dwells in Him - rooted in all the fulness of
- 2- Because v. 14-15, He has overcome powers of evil - your roots go down + bring up victory
- 3- Because He v. 19 is the head - all growth comes from Him
- 4- Because v 20-23 - Col 3:1-3 - His own life, rules + regulations with work.

They were trying to add to + complete their faith (sal + sanctification) by ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~idea~~ + Jewish laws

The Sufficiency of X - 2:6, 7 - as ... to walk...

"Having been rooted" → we are now built built up, we are now being strengthened in the faith, we are now overflowing w/ thanksgiving.

- 1- Rooted in X we ~~have~~ are rooted in fulness - 8, 9
- 2- Rooted in X we are rooted in victory over powers of darkness, 14, 15
- 3- Rooted in X we are rooted in growth in the v. 19
- 3- Rooted in X we are rooted in Reality v. 17
- 5- Rooted in X we are rooted in victory over flesh-world principles, ?

- When we came to X, we were planted in Him, rooted in Him - the results: we are being built up, strengthened + overflowing w/ thanks.

The Soil - vs 8, 9 (2 v 11-15) (3 v. 17) (4 v 19) (5 3:1-3)

X, Supreme + Sufficient -

Name, title of X - Head, first-born, image of invisible

Col 2: Getting there from here - not by

I → (The path of Intellectualism) = Judaism / Gnosticism
 Intellectualism - these are demands that others try to
 place on you - & yet they themselves cannot live
 up to them. → we don't want people to
 → be like Jesus - we want them to be like us!

- But it is not anti-intellectual = ignorance
 doesn't make you a better Christian.

- moving up the spiritual ladder

- a blend of Judaism + Gnosticism → why Paul says so much about wisdom
 & knowledge being in X.

→ this was presented as "something more", which would elevate them

→ Surprisingly this comes from NEW AGE to Charismatic teaching = we
 have a special knowledge that others don't have = sound preaching
 would put a lot of televangelists off the air.

accusation charge

2:14 - "Contrary to us" indictment is true as read

Sermon on True Path - Col 2:1-6 - "Life is
 Difficult" - Scott Peck.

Paul says same - 1:27 - conflict, struggle of 142:1

See also 2 Cor 11:16-29 - esp v. 28

Prayer
what we pray for all

The Supremacy of Christ

Colossians: The Sufficiency of Christ

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Notes on Col 1:9-14 - A Worthy Walk - Intro: old man at SBC in Atlanta - "Did you ever plow a mule?" - "But that's life," & walked on. He was proud he had plowed a mule. He summed up a worthy life as having "plowed a mule." Others wouldn't see it that way - but what is a worthy life? What would be O's standard

On Chapter 2-3:4 - The two extremes, the demons & the Pharisees - one as deadly as the other - legalism
Traditions of men = obligations & opportunities - Ill of woman in Georgia in despair about "Quiet time" unable to stay away a 4 AM = His yoke is easy & His burden is light

Legalism, bondage, demon - Mickey Bonner's paper - Caltrage Patch dolls.

- The Worthy Life (- The Fountain

I. It's Root is the Knowledge of O's Will 2. The Flow
II It's Fruit is Pleasing Him in all Things 3. The Fulness

- 1- Fruitful in every good work - Black on black suit
- 2- Increasing in the knowledge of O
- 3- Strengthened w/ all might - to be patient & long suffering
- 4- Giving Thanks for O's Grace

Phil 4:9. vs 9 - Praying & asking = Everytime Paul prayed he remembered knowledge moves from head to heart to hands - results in action - Purpose of knowledge is to please Him