

## Not Philosophy But Christ

Colossians 2:1-10

- 1) What we learn about Christ (2:2-3, 9-10)
  - a) He encourages us through Scripture and other Christians
  - b) He is God's mystery revealed, holding *all* the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
  - c) He is fully divine, God in flesh
  - d) Christians are complete in Him, our Head
- 2) What we learn about ourselves
  - a) We are susceptible to false, philosophical arguments
  - b) We need each other, being knitted together in love
  - c) We need reminders of who Christ is, what He did
- 3) When we love others, we struggle greatly on their behalf to... (1-3)
  - a) Speak truth to them
  - b) Write to admonish and teach them
  - c) Pray diligently for them (cf. 1:9-12)
- 4) What does it mean to be a Christian? (2:6-7)
  - a) It begins with new birth (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-5)
  - b) It continues as we "walk in Him"
  - c) Stability and growth become evident to you and others
  - d) Your life becomes marked by gratitude
- 5) Suggested Applications
  - a) Strive to affirm and encourage someone regularly
  - b) Say "thank you" to God every day for His gifts
  - c) Remind yourself daily that you are complete in Christ