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A. He Had Compassion (1:24)

1. He suffered gladly

a. How did he suffer?

1 Corinthians 4:10-13, 2 Corinthians 11:23-33

b. Why did he suffer?

1). Because Christ suffered

John 16:33

2). To experience the power of God

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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1. He suffered gladly - continued

c. He suffered humbly

1). Because he knew how much Christ suffered for him

2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:10,

1 Peter 1:18-19

2). Because it is a mark of identification

Philippians 1:29, Galatians 6:17

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B. He Had Convictions (1:25-27)

1. About his ministry (25)

a. He was a minister for God

minister = *diakonos* = servant (deacon)

John 13:4-5 – Christ his role model

b. He had a sacred trust from God to the Gentiles

dispensation = stewardship

Romans 11:13, 1 Timothy 2:7

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C. He Had Commitment (1:28-29)

1. To declare Christ (28a)

Christ was the central focus of his message

2. To disciple Christians (28b-29)

Spiritual growth was his goal for every believer

No Substitute for the Truth
Colossians 2:1-7

**Christ is the source of all wisdom and
knowledge.**

I. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

Colossians 2:1-3

1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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A. The objects of Paul's concern (2:1)

1. The cities in the Lycus Valley



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A. The objects of Paul's concern (2:1) - continued

2. Paul wanted the best for them

He agonized over them

Philippians 1:27-30

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

30 Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

I. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

B. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3)

1. Hearts comforted = encouraged (2a)

a. Pursue peace and build one another up

Romans 14:19

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

I. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

B. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3) - continued

1. Hearts comforted = encouraged (2a) - continued

b. Overflow with hope and joy

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

I. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

B. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3) - continued

1. Hearts comforted = encouraged (2a) - continued

c. Love one another fervently

1 Peter 1:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

I. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

B. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3) - continued

1. Hearts comforted = encouraged (2a) - continued

d. Encourage one another

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

I. Grasp the Truth (2:1-3)

B. The objectives of Paul's concern (2:2-3) - continued

2. United in love (2b)

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

3. Full knowledge of “the mystery of God, and the Father, and of Christ” (2c-3)

Psalm 119:72

**The law of thy mouth is
better unto me than
thousands of gold and
silver.**

II. Guard the Truth (2:4-5)

Colossians 2:4-5

4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

II. Guard the Truth (2:4-5)

A. The truth protects (2:4)

1. From false teachers

Matthew 7:15

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

2 Corinthians 11:13

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

Genesis 3:4

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Modern False Teachers

Liberalism - There is a spark of divinity in every human being

Mormonism - As man is now, God once was. As God is now, man may become

Humanism - Man is his god, possessing the potential to accomplish his dreams

Universalism - All religions are good because there is truth in every religion

Neo-Orthodoxy - The Bible is God's word whenever it speaks to you

New Age - Reach inside yourself for the true meaning of life

Jehovah's Witnesses - Jesus is the firstborn, God created Him first, before anything or anyone else

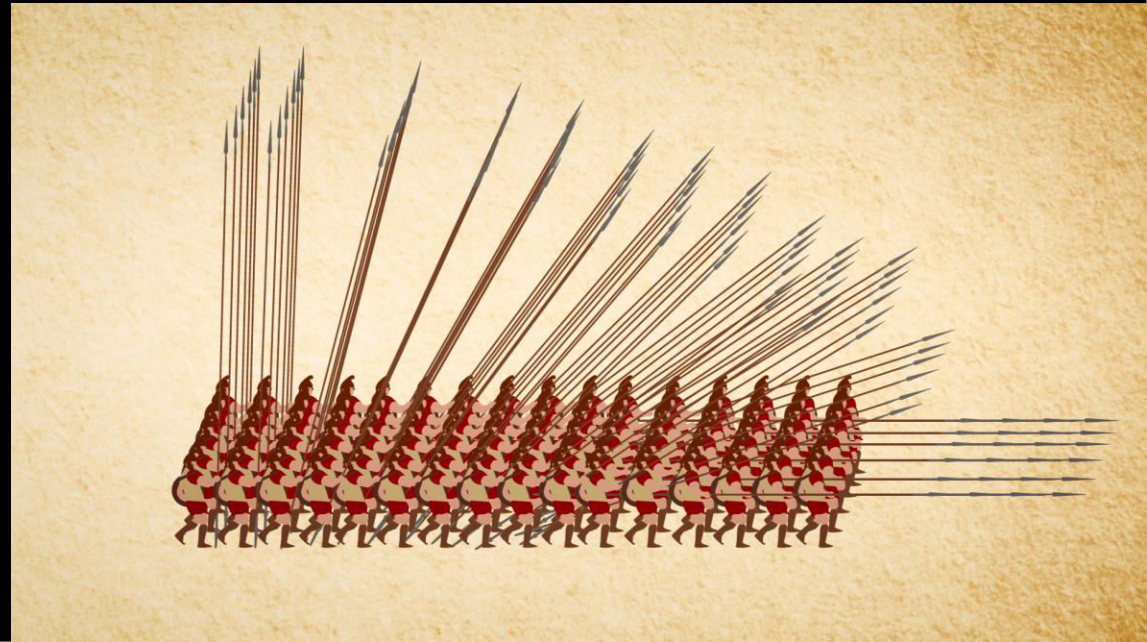
II. Guard the Truth (2:4-5)

A. The truth protects (2:4) - continued

2. The truth works (5)

a. “beholding your order”

b. “steadfastness of your faith”



III. Grow in Truth (2:6-7)

Colossians 2:6-7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

III. Grow in Truth (2:6-7)

A. Walking in Christ (2:6)

Salvation means a relationship with Christ, not just knowledge

B. Settled in the faith (2:7a)

“Rooted” - Single action

“Built up...stablished” - continuing action

C. Abounding with gratitude (2:7b)

“with thanksgiving”

Are We Living

Truth?