

**Christ, the Mystery of God and
the Body of all the Shadows
Colossians 2:1-17**

Monday 3/7

Col. 2:1-3 (2-3)

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those in Laodicea, even all who have not seen my face in the flesh,
2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,
3 In whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

Eph. 3:8-9

8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

1 Cor. 2:7, 9-10

7 But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom which has been hidden, which God predestined before the ages for our glory,

9 But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

10 But to us God has revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

2 Cor. 13:11

11 Finally, brothers, rejoice, be perfected, be comforted, think the same thing, be at peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Col. 1:9

9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Phil. 3:8

8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

Further Reading: *HWMR Colossians - Week 3, Day 1*
Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to

Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 15 – Sections:
Restricting The Mind And Exercising The Spirit In Reading The Bible; God Being Food In His Relationship With Man; The Bible As God's Expression Becoming Man's Food

Tuesday 3/8

Col. 2:4-7 (5-7)

4 This I say that no one may delude you with persuasive speech.

5 For even though I am absent in the flesh, yet in the spirit I am with you, rejoicing and seeing your order and the solid basis of your faith in Christ.

6 As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

7 Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Rom. 8:4

4 That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

Gal. 5:16

16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Eph. 3:17-19

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are

19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

2:20b-22

20b Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;

21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Further Reading: *HWMR Colossians - Week 3, Day 2*
Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 15 – Sections:
Restricting The Mind And Exercising The Spirit In Reading The Bible

Wednesday 3/9

Col. 2:4, 8

4 This I say that no one may delude you with persuasive speech.

8 Beware that no one carries you off as spoil through his philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elements of the world, and not according to Christ;

Mark 7:6-8

6 And He said to them, Well has Isaiah prophesied concerning you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart stays far away from Me;

7 But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as teachings the commandments of men."

8 While leaving the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men.

Gal. 1:14-16b

14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many contemporaries in my race, being more abundantly a zealot for the traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

16b To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

1 Cor. 2:1-5

1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, came not according to excellence of speech or of wisdom, announcing to you the mystery of God.

2 For I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling;

4 And my speech and my proclamation were not in persuasive words of wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 In order that your faith would not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Further Reading: *HWMR Colossians - Week 3, Day 3*
Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 15 – Sections:
Examples Of Reading The Bible

Thursday 3/10

Col. 2:9-12

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

10 And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.

11 In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,

12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from

the dead.

John 1:16-18

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

Col. 1:19-20

19 For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell

20 And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross-through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens.

2 Pet. 1:1-2

1 Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

Further Reading: *HWMR Colossians - Week 3, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 16 – Sections: Learning To Be Simple To Pick Up The True Meaning Of The Bible; Reading The Bible Being Simple; Not Setting The Mind On Studying The Truth; Dropping Our Concepts

Friday 3/11

Col. 2:13-15

13 And you, though dead in your offenses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our offenses;

14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.

15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Eph. 1:17

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph. 4:13

13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Eph. 6:12

12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but

against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.

Phil. 3:8

8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

2 Pet 1:2-4

2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the full knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 Seeing that His divine power has granted to us all things which relate to life and godliness, through the full knowledge of Him who has called us by His own glory and virtue,

4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

Further Reading: *HWMR Colossians - Week 3, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 16 – Sections: Not Looking For Inspiration; Practical Examples; Learning To Be Simple In Enjoying God Through Reading The Word

Saturday 3/12

Col. 2:16-17

16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,

17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

John 6:35

35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

1 Cor. 5:7-8

7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.

8 So then let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Rom. 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Col. 1:10, 12-13, 18

10 To walk worthily of the Lord to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God,

12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Further Reading: *HWMR Colossians - Week 3, Day 6*
Hymns, #818, #189, #538, #540, #542

Lord's Day 3/13

Heb. 2:6-12, 14-15

6 But one has solemnly testified somewhere, saying, "What is man, that You bring him to mind? Or the son of man, that You care for him?"

7 You have made Him a little inferior to the angels; You have crowned Him with glory and honor and have set Him over the works of Your hands;

8 You have subjected all things under His feet." For in subjecting all things to Him, He left nothing unsubject to Him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to Him,

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

12 Saying, "I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise to You."

14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

15 And might release those who because of the fear of death through all their life were held in slavery.

Further Reading:

Life-study of Colossians, msgs. 17,19, 21, 23-24