

## COMPLETE IN CHRIST THROUGH CHRIST-CENTERED PROCLAMATION – 2

TEXT: Col. 2:1-8

### INTRODUCTION

- **THE RESULTS OF CHRIST-CENTERED PROCLAMATION:** vs. 1-3
- **Paul Agonised to Proclaim Christ:** v. 1  
*<sup>1</sup>For I want you to know how great a struggle I have **for you** and **for those at Laodicea** and **for all who have not seen me face to face**,*
- **Paul was Purposeful in Proclaiming Christ:** v. 2  
*<sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, **which is Christ**,*
- **Paul had Clarity About the Glories of Christ:** v. 3  
*<sup>3</sup>in whom **are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**.*
- **THE PROTECTION OF CHRIST-CENTERED PROCLAMATION:** vs. 4-5
  - **The Protection Against Delusions:** v. 4  
*<sup>4</sup>I say this in order that no one may **delude you** with plausible arguments.*
  - **The Protection of a Disciplined Spiritual Life:** v. 5a  
*<sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to **see your good order***
  - **The Protection of a Stable Unshakeable Faith:** v. 5b  
*and **the firmness of your faith** in Christ.*
- **THE STABILITY OF CHRIST-CENTERED PROCLAMATION:** vs. 6-8

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, *as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,* <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, **abounding in thanksgiving**. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

- **Stability Through Beginning With Christ: v. 6**
- **Stability Through Being Established in Christ: v. 7**
- **Stability Through Avoiding Distractions From Christ: v. 8**

## CONCLUSION