

- 1 (Christianplatonism) is the idea that the spiritual is good and that the physical is bad.
- 2 The idea that there were other mysteries that could be found outside of scripture (the deeper mysteries) Paul feared the Christians would get caught in a web of destruction Bible is full of warnings to be prepared against error

**\*\*2:1 Conflict - STRUGGLE means anxiety or concern contest race AGON G73**

To engage in intense struggle: the same word used in an actual race (hebrews12:1)

### **I Knowing the Truth**

Paul tells us how to avoid being deceived. ort or cheer up: encourage, strengthen.

- 1) Knit together (United) in Love – Like a body being held together by the web of ligaments to make a strong unit. FALSE TEACHING is naturally divisive.

Full Assurance, Understanding the truth – the object of our understanding is Jesus Christ w

- 2) Encouraged - comfho is all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

A proper view of Christ is the antidote for heresy. The only mystery (secret) we need to know is Christ.

All of the treasurers of divine wisdom are in Christ.(2:3) He is the all sufficient savior.

### **II Protecting the Truth (FAITH IN JESUS)**

Bad News Christians are under attack

Good news standing in

- 1 Good order
- 2 Steadfast - firm military terms like not breaking rank

### **III Growing in the Truth**

Walk in HIM! Jesus Christ the LORD

- 1) Rooted – foundation
- 2) Build up – This is a process that takes time
- 3) Strengthened – continual and progressive nature of God's activity
- 4) Overflowing – passing the truth onto others

### **IV Living the Truth**

If you understand that the only treasure you need is Christ; you will not be deceived by fine-sounding arguments – smooth talk like a criminal in a courtroom trying to convince a jury to let him keep that which he has stolen (USED CAR)

Jesus is the fullness of deity, the forgiver of sins, and the conqueror of satanic forces

When false teaching attacks it attacks on two fronts

1) Person of Jesus Christ

2) Our identity in him

Jesus Christ is completely God hypostatic union

The Colossians had not yet destroyed the but it was threatening it. Greek Speculation

The resounding theme of in colossians is the preeminence and sufficiency of Christ. The Believe is complete in Christ alone and lacks nothing “ in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

The Colossae church was to identify and resist false teaching (2:8)

***Christ is all we need***

A thankful believer is not easily deceived from Christ a discontented grumbly whiny believer is easy prey

See to it that no one takes you captive – to carry away kidnap

Philosophy is hollow and deceptive (human tradition) Christ is fullness

FALSE TEACHING Matter bad and spiritual good