

## **Colossians 2:1-5, “Wisdom for Ministry”**

*2 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, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full conviction of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.*

### **Overview of Passage**

“Paul begins chapter 2 by reiterating the sufficiency of Christ’s wisdom in order to prevent the Colossians from being swept away by false teachings.”

- I.     **The \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry**
  - a.   Shepherding God’s flock
  - b.   Stray sheep
  - c.   The burden of truth
  
- II.    **The \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry**
  - a.   Encourage one another
  - b.   Unite in love through knowledge
  - c.   Grow in the doctrine of Christ
  
- III.   **The \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry**
  - a.   Christ is the author of wisdom and knowledge.
  - b.   God’s Son is all-knowing (omniscient)
  - c.   God’s Word is sufficient
  
- IV.   **The \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry**
  - a.   False teachings that twist truth
  - b.   Wolves in sheep’s clothing
  
- V.     **The \_\_\_\_\_ of ministry**
  - a.   Leading people to saving faith
  - b.   Making disciples
  - c.   Watching them mature in their faith

## Discussion questions and devotions for your family

1. Who is Epaphras?
2. What does *omniscient* mean?
3. Why is the Christian expected to study the Bible? (give multiple examples)
4. What types of oppositions can the Christian expect from teaching the Bible?
5. What are the two main joys of ministry?

## Scripture memorization for August

### Colossians 1:19-20

*<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.*

## Songs to Worship throughout the week

“Washed by the blood” by CityAlight

“Nothing but the blood” by CityAlight (fun for the young ones, and me...)

“Psalm 34, Taste and See” by Shane and Shane

“Psalm 51, Wisdom in the secret heart” by Shane and Shane

“Come behold the wonderful mystery” by Matt Boswell

*\*You can find these songs on Spotify or Youtube\**

## Kids Catechisms

*\*Redo on Q15 from last week. I didn't like the way it was worded\**

Q15 Who wrote the Bible?

A15 Men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

\*Inspiration- (God-breathed) meaning God-divinely influenced each author of every book in the entire Bible (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21)