

Colossians 2:1-5

A Servant's Protection in Christ

A Servant's Struggle (v. 1)

A Servant's Prayer (v. 2)

- Encouraged in heart
- United in love
- Rich of understanding
- Knowledge of Christ

A Servant's Wisdom (v. 3)

A Servant's Warning (v. 4)

A Servant's Joy (v. 5)

Application of Colossians 2:1-5

1. Paul's love and commitment to serve the church wasn't just to those he had visited or ministered to, because in v. 1 we see he 'greatly struggled' in prayer for the Colossians (and Laodiceans") whom he had never met. Ask God to give you a love for and commitment to other believers and pray for churches/people/mission organizations this week whom you've never met. If you know a particular member of that church, you could let them know you're praying for the church.
2. How much of a priority do you place on spiritual understanding and knowledge of Christ in your life and praying for others? While praying for others to be like Christ is good, praying for others to know Christ more intimately, will naturally lead to this behaviour.
3. What is your source of wisdom for how to please God and follow Him? Christ is the only real and effective source, so we have to be careful we don't look for wisdom through experience (ours or others), secular sources, or even Christian activity
4. Do you act as a Berean (Acts 17:11) to search out the truth in Scripture when you are taught the Word of God? While Bible teachers are accountable for what they teach, we are all accountable to study and consider what we are taught in view of and in subject to God's Word. In what ways can you actively apply this important responsibility?
5. Paul's love and care for the Colossians led him to warn the Colossians and point them to Christ. Are there people in our lives we should do the same? Ask God to provide opportunities and the words to speak to any such people.
6. Study Christ this week ("Christology") by listening to sermons, studying key passages (e.g. Col 1:15-20; Phil 2:5-11; John 1:1-3, 18; Matt 28:16-20; Eph 1:20-23; Heb 1:1-4), or reading a book/chapter on this topic.

Reading this week: Read through Col 2:1-7 this week

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	A _____ <i>Protection in</i> _____	
<u>Chapter</u>	A Servant's _____ (v. _____)	
	A Servant's _____ (v. _____)	
	A Servant's _____ (v. _____)	
<u>Verses</u>	A Servant's _____ (v. _____)	
	A Servant's _____ (v. _____)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Knowledge	Paul	Prayer	Wisdom

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: