

Sermon: "Are You Being Smart With Me?"
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Colossians 2:1-10

Paul's hopeful guidance to a confused church.

1. To be _____ in heart and _____ in love!

v. 5 For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

vv. 6-7 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

- **Encouragement does _____ for our life of faith!**

2. To have the full riches of _____ !

v. 4 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

v. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

- **True understanding demands that we _____.**

3. To know the mystery of God, namely, _____, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

v. 9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

- **True wisdom means we are _____ Christ, not of ourselves!**

Proverbs 3:6 "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Serenity Prayer

*God grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.*

-Reinhold Niebuhr