



## ***Jesus Is The Answer***

**Colossians 2:1-5 NIV**

### **1. PAUL AGONIZED FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW JESUS.**

**Col. 2:1** *I want you to know how hard I am **contending** for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.*

**\*Paul contended in prayer**

**Romans 15:30** *I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my **struggle** by praying to God for me.*

**\*Paul literally toiled to get the word out.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:9** *Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.*

**\*Paul suffered as he contended for the Good News.**

**1 Corinthians 4:11–13** *To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.*

### **2. JESUS IS THE TREASURE WE REALLY NEED!**

**Col. 2:2-3** *My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

**\*Jesus encourages our hearts and unites us in love.**

**Ephesians 4:3–6** *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

*\*Jesus is the spring from which wisdom flows.*

**Proverbs 2:2–4** *Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.*

### **3. DON'T BE MISLED BY PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS.**

**Col. 2:4–5** *I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.*

*\*Let us be disciplined in our doctrine.*

**Jude 3–4** *Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.*

*\*Let us be firm in our faith.*

**2 Thessalonians 2:15** *So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.*

**1 Cor 16:13** *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*

### **4. IN CHRIST, FOR WHOM ARE YOU CONTENDING?**

**Galatians 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

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