

Colossians Two Outline

1A ***Paul's Great Struggle Concerning the Lycus Valley Christians, vv.1-3:***

1B **The People of Paul's Striving**, 1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have concerning you and those in Laodikea, and such that have not seen my face in the flesh

2B ***The Purpose of Paul's Striving, 2:***

1C **Encouragement**, 2a that their hearts might be encouraged, being knitted together in love,

2C **Wealthy Assurance**, 2b and toward a wealth of the full assurance of the mentality,

3C **Full Knowledge of the Mystery**, 2c and to the full knowledge of the mystery of the God and Father and the Christ,

3B **The Person of Paul's Striving**, 3 in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

2A ***Four Exhortations, vv.4-23:***

1B **Introduction**, 4 Now this I say lest anyone deceive you by persuasive discourse. 5 For I am absent in the flesh, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and seeing your order, and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

2B ***First Exhortation: Walk, 6-7:***

1C **The First Foundation Stone for the Command**, 6a Therefore since you received Christ Jesus the Lord,

2C **The Command**, 6b walk in Him,

3C **The Additional Foundation Stones**, 7 being rooted and built on Him, and being established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in it in thanksgiving.

3B ***Second Exhortation: Watch, vv.8-15:***

1C **The Command to Watch for Philosophers and Deceivers**, 8a Watch lest anyone rob you through philosophy and vain deceit,

2C ***The Patterns of Their Deceit, 8b:***

1D **Traditions**, 8b1 according to the tradition of men,

2D **Philosophies**, 8b2 according to the elementary principles of the world,

3D **Anti-Christ**, 8b3 and not according to Christ.

3C ***The Anti-Pattern in Christ, and the Meaning to the Christian, vv.9-15:***

1D **The Fullness of Deity**, 9 Because in Him dwells all the fullness of the deity bodily,

2D **The Fullness of the Christian in Him**, 10 and you have been made full in Him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

3D ***The Positional Circumcision/Baptism of the Christian, vv.11-12:***

1E **The Non-Hand-Made Circumcision**, 11 In whom you were circumcised with not hand-made circumcision, in the stripping off of the body of sin of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ,

2E **The Circumcision Explained**, 12 being buried together with Him in the baptism, in whom also you were raised together through the faith of the working of God, who raised Him from the death.

4D **The Need for the Circumcision**, 13a And you, who were dead in your transgressions, and in the uncircumcision of your flesh,

5D **The Forgiving Regeneration, 13b-14:**

- 1E **The Regeneration, 13b**, He made you alive together with Him,
 - 2E **The Prerequisite for Regeneration, 13c**, having freely forgiven us all transgressions,
 - 3E **The Removal of Condemnation, 14** after erasing the handwriting in the dogma which was against us, which was hostile to us. And he has taken it up from the midst, nailing it to the cross.
 - 4E **The Disarming of the Condemning Enemies, 15** After disarming rulers and authorities, in boldness he made an example, after triumphing over them in it.
- 4B **Third Exhortation: Disallow Judging, vv.16-17:**
- 1C **The Exhortation, 16** Therefore do not let anyone judge in matters of food or drink, or in a portion of a feast, or a new moon, or a Sabbath,
 - 2C **The Explanation, 17** which are a shadow of the coming things, but the body is Christ.
- 5B **Fourth Exhortation: Disallow Cheating, vv.18-23:**
- 1C **The Exhortation, vv.18-19:**
 - 1D **The Exhortation, 18a** Let no one cheat you,
 - 1E **The Categories, 18b-18d:**
 - 1F **Base Thinking, 18b** willingly participating in base thinking,
 - 2F **Angel Worship, 18c** cultic worship of angels,
 - 3F **Speculation, 18d** entering into things which he has not seen,
 - 2E **The Motivation and Dysfunction, 18e-19a:**
 - 1F **Conceit, 18e**, uselessly being inflated by the mind of his flesh,
 - 2F **Departure from Orthodoxy, 19a** and not holding fast the head
 - 3E **The Importance of Orthodoxy, 19b-19d:**
 - 1F **The Importance of Headship as Source, 19b** from which the whole body,
 - 2F **The Function of Joining, 19c** being supported and knitted together through the joints and sinews,
 - 3F **The Goal of Growth, 19d** grows the growth of God.
 - 2C **A Reasoning Dialogue, vv.20-23:**
 - 1D **The Fundamental Question, vv.20-22:**
 - 1E **The Question of Death and Freedom, 20** If we died together with Christ from the elementary principles of the world, why do you submit to dogma as though living in the world –
 - 2E **The Nature of the Dogma, 21** “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,”
 - 3E **The Direction of the Dogma, 22** which all tend to perish by consumption, according to the commandments and doctrines of men?
 - 2D **The Pattern of the Dogma, v.23a-23c:**
 - 1E **The Pattern of Made-Up Religion, 23a** While such things are a pattern having wisdom in self-willed religion
 - 2E **The Pattern of Base Thinking, 23b** and base thinking
 - 3E **The Pattern of Disregard for the Body, 23c** and disregard for the body,
 - 3D **The Conclusion on the Dogma, 23d** [they] are not in any way valuable against the gratification of the flesh.