

Call The Minister

Colossians 2:1-7

I. Paul's _____ for the Church (2:1)

1. Paul states plainly is that he is struggling on behalf of the Colossians.
2. Translated as *struggle* is closely related to the word for agony or agonizing.
3. Paul's heart is _____ as he longs for the Colossians to stand firm.
4. Paul is concerned that the church is being tempted with dangerous teachings and he's longing for them to know the _____.

II. Paul's _____ for the Church (2:2-3)

1. Paul gives them a vision of what he hopes for them as they are going through this false teaching temptation and some pointers.
 - A. Paul wants the Colossians to be _____ in Heart
 - B. Paul wants the Colossians to be _____ in Love
 - _____ Hearts Together - "... be encouraged as they are knit together..."
 - C. Paul wants the Colossians to be _____ in Understanding

III. Paul's _____ in His Struggles for the Church (2:4-5)

1. Paul wants the Colossians to be strong in heart, united in love and confident in understanding is so that they won't be _____ from Christ.
2. Paul wants them to know how _____ he is about their walk with Christ.

IV. Paul's _____ for the Church (2:6-7)

1. Paul is concerned. He's a good pastor and he's concerned that the Colossians are being tempted to walk away from Christ. Throughout chapter 1 he has been building a foundation of who Christ is and who they are in Christ; now he gives a firm warning: If you are in Christ – walk in Him.
2. _____ Is the Completion of Encouragement

Conclusion: Paul wanted them to understand the seriousness of spiritual battles. When God says read the Bible, pray, witness, don't lie, go to church. It is not because that is what good Christians should do; or its not because God don't want you to embarrass us! It is because the Devil is sly and tricky and so effective that he will take you out of the game before you knew what hit you.