

TITLE: Colossians (Lesson 6)

TEXT: Col. 2:1-7

INTRO: The Apostle Paul was committed to ministry as so should we! He was willing to suffer, serve, speak and struggle for the church at Colosse. William Carey who has been called “the father of modern missions” has been credited with saying “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” As Christians it’s not enough to be a spectator. God wants us to be participants with Him in the work of ministry. Paul wanted the recipients of his epistle to be *passionate* about their relationship with Christ!

- I. (vs. 1-2a) Passion breeds *courage*.
 - A. The *heart* is a reference to the whole person.
 - B. “That their hearts might be comforted”

NOTE: **comforted**: exhorting and comforting and encouraging

- II. (vs. 2) Passionate in *love*.
 - A. “being knit together in love”

NOTE: Ps. 133:1-3; Col. 3:14

- B. “Be a peacemaker, not a troublemaker!”

NOTE: “We cannot unravel our lives from those of other believers.” *John Phillips*

- III. (vs 2-3) Passionate in our *salvation*.
 - A. “and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
 - B. Salvation in Christ is a “know so” salvation!

NOTE: John 5:24; 6:47 “The ‘mystery of God’ is Christ, as incarnating the fullness of the Godhead, and all the divine wisdom and knowledge for the redemption and reconciliation of man.” *C.I. Scofield*

- IV. (vs. 4) Passionate in the *truth*.
 - A. “And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.”
 - B. Full assurance comes from being convinced of the truth.

NOTE: “It’s hard to do much for the Lord when we’re riddled with doubts about the integrity of Scripture. We must be convinced of the Truth—and the Truth sets us free to be greatly used by God.” *David Jeremiah*

- V. (vs. 5-7) Passionate in our *faith*.
 - A. “...and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.”
 - B. “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:”

NOTE: To “walk ye in Him” is the message of Paul’s letter. He now illustrates it.

1. *Rooted* (Eph. 4:14)
2. *Built up* (I Cor. 3:11)
3. *Taught* (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
4. *Abounding* (John 4:10-14; 7:37-39)

