

**Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less
I Am with You in Spirit
Colossians 2:1-5
Sermon Notes for Aug. 2, 2020**

In the Church we can ...

1. Be E _____ in H _____

2. Be U _____ in L _____

3. Reach the R _____ of K _____ Jesus

4. Stand F _____ in Our F _____

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Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 1:24-29

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Reflect on your life experience with Church. How has your involvement in church over the years effected your life in positive ways? Make a list of reasons you are thankful for the Church.
- Read Colossians 2:1-5. On whose behalf does Paul say he is struggling for in verse 1? Does this include us? Why or why not?
- What are the characteristics that Paul hopes to emerge in the life of the Colossian church?
- Pastor Phil used Col. 4:7-8 &12, to emphasize that being encouraged in heart means gathering together to hear God's Word and to pray for one another. How do these verses help make that point and why are they connected to this phrase, "encouraged in heart," here in Col. 2:2?
- From your experience in church what does "being knit together in love" mean to you? How have you experienced this? How can you help others experience this?
- What is Paul's ultimate goal for the church according to verse 2b?
- How does Paul describe Christ in verse 3?
- According to verse 4, why is this so important for Paul that the church see that wisdom and knowledge are found in Jesus, nothing more and nothing less?
- What plausible arguments are you aware of right now that are taking away from Jesus or adding to Jesus that undermine people's faith in Jesus? How does this passage help you stand firm against those arguments?

Action Steps:

- Who do you know who needs to be a part of a church? Make it a point to invite them to church this week.
- In what ways can you display one or all of these characteristics in the life of our church this week?