

UNITED IN LOVE

Colossians 2:1-5 - part 1

1. How great a struggle

- a. The Colossians, Laodiceans, and those who have seen him.

Philippians 1:29,30

- b. Driven by God.

Colossians 1:29, 1 Corinthians 15:10

2. That the church would grow in Christ

- a. Hearts encouraged.

Ephesians 6:21-22

- b. Being knit/united together in Love.

John 13:31-35; Matthew 5:43-48

- c. What does this love look like?

1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Philippians 2:1-11

- d. What does this mean for us?

Matthew 6:14-15; 1 John 4:20-21

¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ¹

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (Colossians 2:1-5). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.