

Colossians 2:1-10

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. ⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. (NIV)

Verse 1 Paul is tenacious for the _____

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Verses 2-3 Paul says be _____ in heart and united in love.

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Verses 4, 8 Paul says stay _____.

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Verses 5-6-7 Paul says stay _____ in your faith in Christ.

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Verse 9-10 Paul says your fullness is _____ in Christ.

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Next Steps for the Week of March 13:

□ I will attend an ABF to build stronger Christian friendships.

- $\hfill\square$ I will increase my Bible reading and my praying for others.
- □ I will give of my time, talents and treasures to the work of the church.