Colossians 2

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I am having for you and those in Laodicea and how many have not seen my face in the flesh,

2 So that their hearts may be entreated, having been brought to stride together (get on board, unite, to board a ship) in love, and unto all the wealth of the full assurance of comprehension (synthesized understanding); unto the knowledge of the mystery of God- Christ;

3 In whom are all treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden away.

4 I say this so that no one may delude (beguile, distort your reason, reason contrary to truth) you in persuasive speech (confident/faith/persuade word).

5 For if I am absent in the flesh, but rather I am with you in spirit , rejoicing and looking at your arrangement (order, latin-ordinem) and the solidness (stereoma, solidity, firmness) of your faith unto Christ.

6 Therefore, just as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him,

7 Having been rooted and being upbuilt upon in Him and being confirmed (made sure) in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 Look lest there be anyone carrying you off as spoils (plunder, victimize) through philosophy (love of wisdom, greek-philosophias, latin-philosophiam) and empty (vain, hollow) deceit, according to the tradition (given over from close-beside, latin-traditionem) of men, according to the fundamentals (latin-elementa) of the world and not according to Christ.

9 For in Him inhabits (dwells, houses) all the fullness of the Deity (Theotes, Godhead-note:head is not part of the word, latin-divinitatis-divinity, more than just divinity though/more His personality/state/essence than His attributes/quality/power) bodily;

10 And you are complete (made full) in Him, who is the head of all pre-eminence (latin-principatus) and authority,

11 In whom you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in wholly stripping off (the removal, putting/casting away from from out of) of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

12 Having been buried together with Him in baptism in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the divine working (energeias- power in action, always used of God) of God, who raised Him up from out of the dead.

13 And you being dead in the trespasses (deviations, failings, lapses, transgressions, falling away from being close beside) and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having given favor that pardons (graced) us all the trespasses;

14 Having wiped out (blotted out, erased, obliterated, to rub/smear wholly out from) the handwriting (handwritten legal bond/note of a debt) in the dogmas (greek-dogmasin, opinions, suppositions, public decrees, ordinances, latin-decretis-decrees) against us, which was contrary (set over against, adverse, opposite) to us; and He has taken it from out of the middle (midst), having nailed it to the cross;

15 Having completely stripped away from (divested, disarmed, apo/ek make it very emphatic) the preeminents (origins, beginnings, foremost, latin-principatus) and the authorities, He made a show of (held up as an example, expose) them in openness (publicity, frankness, out-spokenness, bold resolved confidence), having triumphed (exhibiting the totally defeated while publically exalting the victor) over them in Him.

16 Therefore, let no one make a judgment- in food and in drink, or in part to a feast or a new moon or Sabbaths,

17 Which are a shadow of things coming; however the body (soma-body but here it is figuratively the reality/substance of what was shadowed) is of Christ.

18 Let no one defraudingly deprive (defraud, disqualify, beguile of reward, arbitrate a wrong judgment against thus depriving them of something rightful) you of your prize, insisting (wishing, willing, desiring) in lowly-mindedness (humble-perspective, self-abasement-NASB, asceticism-ESV, latin-humilitate, in this context likely a false humility) and the religious worship (ritual worship, religion, latin-religione, worship as expressed in ritual acts) of the angels, detailing (speculating on, setting foot on, entering, prying into, intruding into) that which he has seen (horao- as spiritually seen, same word at root to visions in acts 2:17, envisioned), being vainly puffed up by (under, about) the mind (understanding, latin-sensu- sense) of his flesh,

19 And not being controlled (ruled, mastered) of the Head from out of whom all the body through the joints (fastenings) and ligaments (bondings) being lavishly supplied upon and combined together (to get on board), grows with the growth of God.

20 If you have died with Christ away from the fundamentals of the world, why, as if living in the world, do you subject to dogmas (greek- dogmatizesthe, decrees, opinions, suppositions)?

21 You should not touch that which impacts! You should not taste (eat)! You should not handle (manipulatively touch, handle to do injury/violence)!

22 Which are all unto deterioration (decay, corruption, destruction) in the using up (abusing, misusing), according to the precepts (latin-praecepta) and teachings of men,

23 Which are having a word (in context an appearance) of wisdom in will worship (self-willed religion, self-imposed worship, arbitrary religion, will-worship/religion exalting the worshiper) and false lowly-mindedness and harsh treatment (ascetic, unsparing severity/treatment) of the body, not in any (a certain, some) value (valuing, price) toward [restraining] the filling up (satisfaction, indulgence, latin-saturitatem-filling, latin roots satur=sated mean satiated-saturita-satisfying) of the flesh.