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Col 2:1-10

2:1 For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, (even) Christ,

3 in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden.

4 This I say, that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech.

5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, (so) walk in him,

7 rooted and builded up in him, and established in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ:

9 for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

10 and in him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power:

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YOU LIVE WITH CONFIDENCE, when you have experienced:

*** Grace through Conflict**

- ✓ **Striving with Prayer**
- ✓ **Striving with Personal trials**
- ✓ **Striving with Power**

*** Great Comfort**

- ✓ **United together in Profession**
- ✓ **United together in Possession**
- ✓ **United together in Persuasion**

*** Growth in Christianity**

- ✓ **By Living by Faith**
- ✓ **By Lessons of Faith**
- ✓ **By Languages of Faith**