

The Fight for Steadfast Faith

Colossians 2:1-5

2 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.

A Struggle Worth _____ Over (v. 1)

"I want you to know **how great a struggle** I have for you ..."

Spiritual _____ does not happen accidentally. It is formed through intentional _____.

Do we *agonize* over spiritual things?

A steady Christian life must be pursued passionately and _____.

A Treasure Only the _____ Possess (v. 2-3)

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Paul wants Christians to become so deeply rooted in Christ that abandoning Him becomes spiritually _____.

The deepest stability in life belongs to the believer who _____ Christ above everything else.

A Pursuit that is Undeniably _____, but Never _____ (v. 2)

"... that their hearts may be encouraged, **being knit together in love** ..."

Isolated Christians are _____ Christians.

Steadfast Christians are formed in _____, _____ Christian community.

A Certainty That Cannot Be _____ (v. 4)

"... order **that no one may delude you** with plausible arguments."

Christians who are deeply rooted in truth are not easily _____ by the world around them.

The strongest defense against deception is a _____ of Christ.

A Confident _____ (v. 5)

"I am ... rejoicing to see your **good order and the firmness of your faith** in Christ."

Christians stand firm when _____, _____, and _____ work together.

The believer who deeply knows, treasures, and pursues Christ becomes increasingly steady, increasingly discerning, and increasingly difficult to pull away from Him.