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6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
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Paul's struggle for them...2:1-5

What might Paul mean when he says '*I am struggling for you...*'? 2:1; IThess.2:18; IICor.11:28

What are some of the reasons Paul was struggling for them? 2:2; 3:14; Jn.17:21; IJn.4:12

What specific points does he emphasize about Christ? 2:2b-3; ITim.3:16; Rom.11:33

Why was this doctrinal truth so important for the church at Colossae? 2:4, 9, 18-19

What made these 'arguments' so *dangerous*? 2:4; IIPet.3:17; IITim.3:13; Eph.5:6

What was Paul's commendation to the church at Colossae? 2:5b; ICor.14:40; 16:13

Paul's first instructions on how to live in Christ...2:6-7

What is Paul's first *specific* instruction to the church at Colossae? 2:6; IICor.5:7; Eph.4:1

What is true of every believer in Christ? 2:7a; 1:23; Eph.3:17; Ps.1:3; Mt.13:23

What are the next elements for a believer? 2:7b; Eph.2:20-22; IIPet.3:17-18

Then, what does all of this *produce* in the believer? 2:7c; 1:9-12; IThess.5:18; Heb.13:15

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Gr.=agon, athletic contest, conflict. Possibly a Satanic struggle for the Colossian church.

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To encourage and unite them in love and give them the full riches/understanding of Christ

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Christ is the mystery of God and in Him are hidden all treasures of wisdom/knowledge.

Why was this doctrinal truth so important for the church at Colossae? 2:4, 9, 18-19

They were being deceived by false philosophy. Christ is the fullness of all Godly wisdom.

What made these 'arguments' so dangerous? 2:4; IIPet.3:17; IITim.3:13; Eph.5:6

They were persuasive, fine-sounding arguments. Lies, but they sound good.

What was Paul's commendation to the church at Colossae? 2:5b; ICor.14:40; 16:13

He was delighted to see their good discipline (orderliness) and firm faith in Christ.

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What is Paul's first *specific* instruction to the church at Colossae? 2:6; IICor.5:7; Eph.4:1

You have received Christ Jesus as Lord (salvation). So then, live in (daily walk in) Him.

What is true of every believer in Christ? 2:7a; 1:23; Eph.3:17; Ps.1:3; Mt.13:23

We are rooted and built up in Him. This happens at salvation. We are good soil, Mt.13:23

What are the next elements for a believer? 2:7b; Eph.2:20-22; IIPet.3:17-18

We are strengthened in the faith by our (spiritual) instruction. That's growing in Christ.

Then, what does all of this *produce* in the believer? 2:7c; 1:9-12; IThess.5:18; Heb.13:15

It should result in an overflowing of thankfulness. Praise for what He's given us in Christ!

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