

# COLOSSIANS

---

## THE GOSPEL

CHANGES EVERYTHING

### **“How the Gospel Keeps Us from Being Deceived”**

Colossians 2:1-5

Message Series: “The Gospel Changes Everything”

Troy Dobbs, Senior Pastor

Sunday, January 15, 2017

---

#### **Colossians 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> 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.

*Continued on back*

## Paul makes plain four characteristics of Christian maturity:

1. Mature Christians **encourage** people through difficult times. (v 2)
2. Mature Christians **love** well. (v 2a)
3. Mature Christians are growing in **knowledge** and **understanding**. (vv 2-3)
4. Mature Christians aren't easily **deceived**. (v 4)

### Resources available online:

- Study Guides to help you grow deeper in today's teaching. Visit [grace.church/smallgroups](http://grace.church/smallgroups) and click the Small Group Study Guides banner.
- Audio and video recordings of this message and an outline (with answers) posted later today at [grace.church/sermons](http://grace.church/sermons). (Order CDs in the Grace Café.)
- iTunes links of songs played during the contemporary service at [grace.church/songlist](http://grace.church/songlist)