



Week 1: Hidden Treasures

Sunday, January 15th 2023

✝ I'm full!
1 John 4:11-12, Ephesians 1:22-23
Ephesians 4:11-13, Ephesians 3:14-21

✝ Struggling toward a goal
Colossians 2:1-2a

✝ Full riches and hidden treasures
Colossians 2:2b-3

✝ Absent in body, present in spirit
Colossians 2:4-5

† As you received... continue to live
Colossians 2:6-7

† Don't be taken captive
Colossians 2:8

Questions for reflection and discussion

- Read *1 John 4:11-12, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:11-13 and Ephesians 3:14-21*. What do these passages reveal about how we have received 'fullness' in Christ? Try to be practical- how do these assertions matter in daily life?
- Verse 1- What are ways we *contend* for each other as fellow believers? Is verse 1 just for Paul, or does this apply to how we relate to each other today?
- Verse 2- How does being *encouraged in heart, and united in love*, lead to a deeper and fuller understanding and experience of our relationship with Christ?
- Verse 3- What do you think are the '*hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge*' that are now revealed in Christ?
- Verse 5, how does the cliché '*I'll be there in spirit*' take on truth for the believer?
- Verse 6- What are the parallels between how we *received* new life in Christ, and how we now actually *live* our new life in Christ?
- Verse 7- How does being rooted, built up, and strengthened in our faith lead to overflowing thankfulness?
- Verses 4,8- What are the 'fine-sounding arguments' and 'hollow and deceptive philosophy' Paul warns the church against? How do we see these today?

Next Sunday: Week 2- Brought to Fullness! Colossians 2:9-15

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