COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 2

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse King James Version (KJV)



Verse (1): For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

God provides <u>Great Conflict</u> to draw more unto Himself because in the <u>Great Conflict</u> legitimacy of the faith of the calling is solidified.

Notice it is first specific and then provides notice to the first received of the Great Conflict and then spreads rapidly broadly "... Great Conflict I have for you [Colosse], (and) for them at Laodicea, (and) for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh."

In the <u>Great Conflict</u> is where God is working to draw unto Himself more and the Ministry and Testimony of God grows.

It is offered from scholarly vantage that the Apostle Paul had <u>Great Care</u> for those he did not meet or know, yet his ministry and testimony were authentically received (Henry, 2008). <u>It was received for the hope of seeing one another in the eternal state of the living God in the deepest parts of the soul unlike the present time yet receiving the relief of the <u>heart in the present time</u> (Henry, 2008).</u>

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This Ministry Website Owner will accentuate that the hope is Absolute that there will be a literal seeing of one another in the eternal state as Scripture reveals that we will see God in the eternal state, which naturally means we will see each other fully known.

First Corinthians 13:12 (King James Version), "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

This Ministry Website owner provided the discussion about the <u>Great Warning and the Great Love</u> of God in Colossians 1:26, please refer to that discussion on this Ministry Website. This vantage covers the innocence of life in God almighty.

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Verse (2): That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

This Ministry Website Owner accentuated in verse (1) that the Hope of God is Absolute. Verse (2) confirms This Ministry Website Owner, "...<u>full assurance</u> of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God.."

The Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) was made fully assured in <u>The Christ</u> or the Premise of This Ministry Website Owners website = (<u>The God-Man</u>). The <u>Great Flip Flop</u> is that the human race is in infancy in the Age of Mercy and Grace even though they elevate themselves as highly esteemed. The truth of the matter is that the entire creation awaits on the infant human race. This Ministry Website Owner discussed this reality in verse (1). The <u>Great Flip Flop</u> is that The God-Man came to earth as an infant but was raised in full strength. Because of the fall of the human race in the book of Genesis, mankind fell short of the glory of God.

Formula = Adam and Eve....The Christ (God-Man)

- O Adam & Eve could sin even in a perfect world
- O Adam & Eve sinned and fell short of God's Glory and brought the curse
- O The Christ brings full maturity only 1 time (<u>at)</u> Salvation to secure the human soul and renew creation
- O (<u>In</u>) Salvation, eternally maturing is a requirement because the human race fell short of God's Glory accentuating the absolute need for The Christ and the eternal healing of the saved Nations
- O The new Eternal Human Race will be perfect, without sin, without the curse, and with the requirement to forever be in a state of maturing (in) The Christ

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Verse (3): In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

This verse demonstrates the absolute need for the Christ. (All) wisdom and knowledge; not some. There is no room for incompleteness in this verse. God almighty hides Himself from disobedience because He has no need to accept it. This understanding is what brings humbleness into the life of the prideful. What all humanity agrees with, is that no one will escape passing away and therefore will come face to face with the reality of their humble humanity...life will change.

God almighty, the Trinity God, <u>is unchangeable</u>. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is God. In the age of Mercy and Grace, God has chosen to provide His Scripture to impart wisdom and knowledge. The fulness of life itself in Salvation is in Jesus Christ according to the Scripture.

The Apostle admitted only having a portion of knowledge in verse (1) that was graciously given by God as the Apostle Paul discussed the Great Conflict. But in the Great Conflict, the Apostle Paul's testimony was greater and authentically received by the mass. The mystery of God revealed.

Verse (4): And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

The Apostle Paul understood what Scripture instructs about the deceitfulness of the Devil, and took the opportunity of the Great Conflict in his life discussed in verse (1) and (3) to draw greater and authentic faith from the mass amounts of people. The Apostle Paul was very clear, do not be enticed with words. Look instead unto the inner self for what is greatly received of God within the soul. Just like the Trinity God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who is unchangeable so Scripture is also unchangeable.

Something had to give, that meant in the life of the Apostle Paul there was a notable Great Conflict that drew greater and authentic faith.

Verse (5): For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

The Apostle Paul circles back to verse (1) because the Great Conflict in his life pointed to the Great God. The Apostle Paul could walk the journey even with those he would never meet or know in the age of Mercy and Grace. This is because he knew he would meet them and know them in the eternal state of life in the Great Salvation of Jesus Christ. A specific word is used in matters of God - "Steadfastness" in the faith of the Christ. "Steadfastness" is a characteristic God will use to link to resolute and dutiful because this is what strengthens the faith.

Verse (6): As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: God empowers the Steadfast in the faith to walk the journey with the mass, both known and met and those not known and not met. The Great Conflict is the mystery of God revealed. Walk with the Lord.

Steadfast is a necessary identified characteristic of God placed in the life of a person that will at some point in life manifest itself in the Great Conflict that leads to the mystery of God revealed.

Steadfast and the Great Conflict of the mystery of God will link. Historically, it took about a Decade for the Steadfastness of the Apostle Paul and the Great Conflict to link. Welcome to this Ministry Website stood up in 2015.

Verse (7): Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Rooted and stablished in the faith of God almighty with Thanksgiving. The Steadfastness characteristic trait of God will link to the Great Conflict and therein Thanksgiving will abound.

Verse (8): Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

This verse is all about the God-Man. Why is the God-Man a critical position to stand your ground? I am glad you asked.

The Christ being 100% God and 100% Man gives humanity the true avenue of life itself. No philosophy of man or legalism of the "saints" claim this let alone provide it. This Ministry Website owner included the ways of the world and the ways of legalistic "saints"

God the Father saw it fit to place the Entire creation the "God-Man" in the Christ to reconcile all things to God the Father. The "God-Man" is the head of all creation with humanity being the <u>only created being in God's image hence "The God-Man".</u>

Reference: First Corinthians 8:6 (King James Version), "But to us *there* is *but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him."



because both are sin derived.

Verse (9): For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

The God-Man discussed in verse (8), is the fulness of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit). In the God-Man, God the Father (reconciles).

Reference: Second Corinthians 5:19 (King James Version), "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

Verse (10): And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

To build off of verse (8) and (9), verse (10) God makes mankind complete in the God-Man as God was in the Christ reconciling the world.

Notice, "The God-Man" is the head of *All* principality and power.

Verse (11): In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Building off of verses (8), (9), and (10) verse (11), God is referring to the Spirit (...made without hands...) in relation to whom the God-Man reconciles unto God the Father.

Verse (12): Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Building off of verses (8), (9), (10), (11), verse (12) is referring to what is gained. Of note, the penalty for sin remains in the life of all humanity, but in the resurrection of the body is gained eternal life. The only ones that will not face passing are those living upon The Christ's return, but the passed shall be raised first. Baptism is a symbol of what will literally occur, a public profession of faith.

Reference: First Corinthians 15:42-44 (King James Version), "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body."

Verse (13): And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

In building off of verse (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12), verse (13) indicates that in the GodMan humanities sins are spiritually dead because humanity will be raised in a spiritual body having been uncircumcised from the flesh or natural body. In the Age of Mercy and Grace, humanity lives in a bubble having obtained but not yet. There will be a literal spiritual body.

Verse (14): Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

The Cross of Christ did not do away with the law but fulfilled the law in God's plan of Salvation to redeem humanity for the greater good. Recall from Verse (1), the Great Conflict that is understood because in heaven everyone will literally know everyone and being viewed in Public as strongly applying Scripture is a requirement as a precursor to Verse (15).

Reference: Matthew 5:17-19 (King James Version): "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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The specific reference to ordinances is provided in Ephesians 2:15 (King James Version) as a burden to the Jews and a separation to the Gentiles (Henry, 2008).

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Reference: Ephesians 2:15-17 (King James Version), "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh."

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Verse (15): And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Please take note in verse (15), that this Ministry Website Owner accentuated that all and any Spoiled principalities and powers will be openly shown and triumphed over. Spoiled principalities and powers will unravel from the inside out with the greater good opportunity of being rebirthed.

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God almighty is <u>The Judge</u> for the greater good of redeeming saved humanity out from God's own justice through <u>The Christ</u> (Henry, 2008). (And also) by God's own hands openly in Public, as witnessed by Angels and Humanity, does then superpower over the Devil and all the Spoiled principalities and powers unto the greater good of what the Scripture then does reveal of <u>The Rebirthing</u> (Henry, 2008).

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Verse (16): Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Please note in this verse, God opened the door of worship beyond the strict judgments of humanity, including the Sabbath days. Instead, God provides The Christ in whom all the law abides anyway because The Christ fulfilled all of the law to empower humanity to develop and grow for the greater good.

Verse (17): Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Please note in this verse, that the strict judgments of humanity were only a shadow to the more substantial matter of The Christ in whom all the law abides anyway because The Christ fulfilled all of the law to empower humanity to develop and grow for the greater good.

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Verse (18): Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Gnostics practiced "made-up" knowledge by lauding angels to a false place of bringing in Salvation rather than proclaiming the "full" knowledge of The Christ (Scofield, 1996).



Scofield, C. I. (Ed.). 1996. The holy bible. New York, NY: Oxford University Press

Verse (19): And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

There are enticements in the world that are designed to draw the human natural senses unto as seen in verse (21) touch, taste, and handle. The enticements are specifically to provide a human element and are not for the glory of God. None of these enticements increases with the increase of God and are therefore transitory or momentary. These enticements are not to be taken lightly because they do not hold onto the God-Man and have lifelong and eternal consequences. In indulging in these practices, life is transitory or momentary. On the other hand, eternity never ends. Have a conviction on eternity.

It is only from the God-Man that the "Jointness" of God receives its nourishment from God's ministry and is then knitted together causing the increase with the increase of God. God never changes but humanity has been afforded the opportunity to increase eternally in The Christ.

Verse (20): Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,



Humanity lives in a bubble, but that does not mean that eternity is not also yet present because it is. The eternal state has always existed outside of time so time exists inside a bubble and therefore cannot escape the reality of eternal life.

Eternal life surrounds the bubble of time and must be lived from the reality that the eternal state is much more prevalent than the transitory or momentary bubble of time making the nourishment of God in time critical as this directly impacts eternity. God does hold innocence in His purview.

Please notice: God demonstrates that the enticements of humanity are undeveloped or elementary, so there is no requirement to be subject to the blind and strict needless ordinances as discussed in verse (14). Instead, hold fast to that which is full of substance in God (The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit).

As this Ministry Website Owner discussed in verse (16) and (17), God fulfilled all the law in The Christ anyway thus making the growth the development of humanity the eternal increase of God accentuating the need to abolish the ordinances. God never changes but humanity has been afforded the opportunity to increase eternally in The Christ.

Verse (21): (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

For illustration, the touching of dead bodies, or eating certain meats, or the worship of giving offerings to idols are the abolished (Henry, 2008). All these needless ordinances distracted from the reality of the greater good of humanity growing and developing eternally in The Christ.

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Verse (22): Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

All these needless ordinances are transitionary or momentary and, in fact, take away from the opportunity for humanity to grow and develop eternally in The Christ. None of the undeveloped and elementary ordinances (<u>commandments and doctrines</u>) of humanity will remain – they have perished.

Verse (23): Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

God is accentuating that all (commandments and doctrines) of humanity that proclaim wisdom in them to be found within the needless enforcement of do, in fact, neglect matters of pertinence and have perished as undeveloped and elementary in hindering the growth and development of humanity. Indeed, these (commandments and doctrines) do not satisfy.