

“Spiritual Goals for the Church”

Colossians 2:1–5

Intro: What hare goal you had for your children to become when they grew up?

Just as a parent has goals for their children, so the Apostle Paul had goals for the church, especially the Colossian and Laodicean churches.

Scripture:

<p>Colossians 2:1–5 — ¹ <i>For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face,</i></p>	<p>Colosenses 2.1–5 — ¹ <i>Porque quiero que sepáis qué gran lucha tengo por vosotros y por los que están en Laodicea, y por todos los que no me han visto en persona,</i></p>
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I. Five Goals that the Apostle had for the Church:

A. A strong heart.

<p>² <i>that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love...</i></p>	<p>² <i>para que sean alentados sus corazones, y unidos en amor, ...</i></p>
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1. **“heart”** – it refers to the inner person and the center of life where the thinking and decision takes place.
2. **“Encourage”** – means to come alongside someone to entreat, comfort, exhort, or encourage.

B. Be united in love.

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1. A **“heart”** is made strong because it is surrounded by loving relationships.
2. **“Knitting”** requires each thread of yarn to work together and so love must be intentional involvement, closeness, and dependence by bearing one another’s burdens. / 2. **“Tejer”** requiere que cada hilo de hilo trabaje en conjunto y, por lo tanto, el amor debe ser participación intencional, cercanía y dependencia al llevar las cargas de los demás.

3. **Question:**

- a. What commonality to all believer share that promotes love and unity?
- b. Why can building loving relations be hard sometimes with other believers?

C. Settled in the understanding of Christ.

<p>² <i>... and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. ⁵ For</i></p>	<p>² <i>... alcancen todas las riquezas que proceden de una plena seguridad de comprensión, ³ en quien están escondidos todos los tesoros de la sabiduría y del conocimiento. ⁴ Esto lo digo para que nadie os engañe con razonamientos</i></p>
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<p><i>even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ."</i></p>	<p>persuasivos. ⁵ <i>Porque aunque estoy ausente en el cuerpo, sin embargo estoy con vosotros en espíritu, regocijándome al ver vuestra buena disciplina y la estabilidad de vuestra fe en Cristo."</i></p>
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1. A strong heart from knitted in love will allow to attain a wealth of what (v2)? **blessings**
2. Knowing Christ fully open all the door to what things (v3)? **blessing**
3. Knowing Christ fully protects us from what (v4)? **destructive teachings**

D. Walking in obedience to Christ.

<p>Colossians 2:6-7 — ⁶ <i>Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude."</i></p>	<p>Colosenses 2.6-7 — ⁶ <i>Por tanto, de la manera que recibisteis a Cristo Jesús el Señor, así andad en Él; ⁷ firmemente arraigados y edificados en Él y confirmados en vuestra fe, tal como fuisteis instruidos, rebotando de gratitud."</i></p>
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1. **"Walk"** refer to daily conduct – contextually leaning toward their maintaining their correct beliefs about Christ without wavering.
2. Many have walked with God in the Old Testament:
 - a. **Like Enoch - Hebrews 11:5** — ⁵ *By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God." / **Hebreos 11.5** — ⁵ *Por la fe Enoc fue trasladado al cielo para que no viera muerte; y no fue hallado porque Dios lo trasladó; porque antes de ser trasladado recibió testimonio de haber agradado a Dios."*
 - 1) This meant to be please to God*
3. **We become like the one we walk with - Proverbs 13:20** — ²⁰ *He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm." / **Proverbios 13.20** — ²⁰ *Él que anda con sabios será sabio, mas el compañero de los necios sufrirá daño."**
4. **Heaven belong to those whose walk is like God's - Psalm 15:1-2** — ¹ *O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?* ² *He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart." / **Salmo 15.1-2** — ¹ *Señor, ¿quién habitará en tu tabernáculo? ¿Quién morará en tu santo monte?* ² *El que anda en integridad y obra justicia, que habla verdad en su corazón."**
5. **Question:** At what point in the day does your walk with God begin?

E. They would be overflowing in Gratitude -- and overflowing with gratitude."

1. **Gratitude is the essence of worship.**
2. **We are to be grateful in every circumstance - 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19** — ¹⁷ *pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit;" / **1 Tesalonicenses 5.17-19** — ¹⁷ *orad sin cesar; ¹⁸ dad gracias en todo,**

porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para vosotros en Cristo Jesús.

REVIEW: Goals of Paul:

1. Strong in heart
2. United in love
3. Settle in knowledge
4. Walking in love
5. Overflowing in gratitude

“God’s power in the Church”

Colossians 1:25–29

God’s word, preached through God’s power, grow God’s people in Christ.

Review: Thankfulness of a believer comes from a firm grasp of knowing all that Christ has done to qualify us to inherit the kingdom of God.

II. *He transferred us to the Kingdom of Christ.*

III. *Christ is supreme master over Creation and Redemption:*

IV. *Understand how far the Lord has brought us to reconcile us to God:*

V. **God appoints certain individual to bring the knowledge of God to His churches.**

F. **What words does Paul use to describe himself to serve the church? Colossians 1:25–27**

1. *“minister”*

2. *“stewardship”*

a. *Christians are to be stewards of their spiritual gifts* -1Peter...

G. **Paul describe his message of God to the Churches as a mystery.**

1. It is a *“mystery”* – which is has never been revealed before. REVIEW:

II. **What four verbs does Paul use to describe what we should be experiencing in our church?**

Colossians 1:28

A. **Jesus should be proclaimed in the Church. 1 John 2:1–3**

B. **We should be admonished by the word of God.**

C. **We should be taught how to live like Jesus.**

D. **We should be presented as complete in faith and practice before God.**

III. **Believer should be serving the Lord by His power. Colossians 1:29**

1. **Apocalipsis 3.17–19** — ¹⁷ “Porque dices: ‘Soy rico, me he enriquecido y de nada tengo necesidad’; y no sabes que eres un miserable y digno de lástima, y pobre, ciego y desnudo, ¹⁸ te aconsejo que de mí compres oro refinado por fuego para que te hagas rico, y vestiduras blancas para que te vistas y no se manifieste la vergüenza de tu desnudez, y colirio para ungir tus ojos para que puedas ver. ¹⁹ “Yo reprendo y disciplino a todos los que amo; sé, pues, celoso y arrepíentete.” / **Apocalipsis 3.17–19** — ¹⁷ “Porque dices: ‘Soy rico, me he enriquecido y de nada tengo necesidad’; y no sabes que eres un miserable y digno de lástima, y pobre, ciego y desnudo, ¹⁸ te aconsejo que de mí compres oro refinado por fuego para que te hagas rico, y vestiduras blancas para que te vistas y no se manifieste la vergüenza de tu desnudez, y colirio para ungir tus ojos para que puedas ver. ¹⁹ “Yo reprendo y disciplino a todos los que amo; sé, pues, celoso y arrepíentete.”