

# Easy As 1-2-3



## Colossians 2:1-10 <sup>1</sup>

### It's As Easy As 1-2-3

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## Overall Understanding

### Colossians 2:1-10 <sup>2</sup>

In only chapter one of Colossians, we discover that God has accomplished much in us through Christ.

VERSE	WHO WE ARE IN JESUS AS SEEN IN CHAPTER ONE OF COLOSSIANS
2	Saints
	Faithful brethren
5	Hope laid up for us in heaven
6, 10	Fruitful
7	Full of faith and love
9	It is God's will that we be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding <u>so that</u> we will:
10	✓ Walk worthy of the Lord
	✓ Please Him in <u>all</u> respects
	✓ Bear fruit in <u>every</u> (same word as "all") good work
	✓ Increase in the knowledge of God
11	Strengthened with <u>all</u> power according to <u>HIS</u> glorious might for the attaining of
	✓ Attain <u>all</u> steadfastness
	✓ Attain <u>all</u> patience
11-12	Joyously give thanks to the Father.

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12	<b>Qualified</b> us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light
13	<b>Rescued</b> from the domain of darkness
	<b>Transferred</b> into the kingdom of the Son of His love
	<b>Redeemed</b> (eternally)
	<b>Forgiven</b> (as part of our eternal redemption)
20	<b>Reconciled</b> to God through the blood of His CROSS
	<b>At peace</b> with God
21	<b>No longer</b> alienated and hostile in mind, nor engaged in evil deeds
22	<b>Reconciled</b> through His flesh through death
	<b>Holy</b>
	<b>Blameless</b>
	<b>Beyond Reproach</b>
26-27	<b>Recipients</b> of the mystery hidden from past ages and generations
	<b>Christ in us</b> , the hope of glory
28	<b>Complete</b> in Christ

**'We also saw a description of who Jesus is.**

VERSE	WHO JESUS IS AS SEEN IN CHAPTER ONE OF COLOSSIANS
15	The visible image of the invisible God ("If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father.")
	The firstborn/heir of all creation
16	Creator of all things
	All things created for Him
17	Before all things
	All things held together by Him
18	Head of the body, the church
	Beginning
	Firstborn from the dead
	Preeminent in everything
19	In Him all the fullness (of deity) dwells
20	The means by which (through his blood and his body) we are reconciled to the Father

**Let us now continue our study of Colossians.**

'For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,<sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,<sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Paul had not met the Colossians and Laodiceans, but he had heard that they were being troubled by false teachers. He desires that they become knit together in love. His letter to them is intended as encouragement/comfort. He wants them to have a full**

understanding of Christ—to understand the mystery he just spoke of: Christ in you, the hope of glory.

It is not a mystery that is hidden from us, but revealed in Jesus. He wants them to focus on Jesus, not hidden mysteries.

<sup>4</sup>Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. <sup>5</sup>For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your *good* order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

Here's the proof that they were being influenced by deceivers who were using persuasive words. Even though Paul was not with them personally, he was with them spiritually. He rejoiced to see them steadfast in the faith.

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Here, we get a clue as to what the false teachers were saying when Paul explains how it is we walk as believers. We walk exactly as we first received Him—by grace through faith. They were to abound in faith and love with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

The deceivers were adding to this by teaching that the Colossians needed special understanding, which amounted to philosophy and empty deceit. They were mixing the basic principles of the world into their Christianity that were contrary to Christ.

When we receive false teachings, we are cheated of the true power of the gospel.

<sup>9</sup>For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup>and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

What is the answer? It is in knowing that the fullness of the Godhead bodily dwells in Jesus. He is the head of all principality

and power. Again, Jesus is the point of the gospel, not fancy philosophies or the rules of this world.

## *Coming Up in Chapter 2:11-23*

Paul continues in verses 11-23 to be more specific about the deceptions that were among them and the truths that set us free from being deceived by them