

## **The Importance of Understanding Christ**

Colossians 2:1-5

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### ***1). Paul's efforts for the believers 2:1***

### ***2). Paul's goal for the believers 2:2-3***

To be encouraged in heart 2:2

To be united in love 2:2

To have the full riches of complete understanding 2:2

To know the mystery of God, namely Christ 2:2-3

### ***3). Paul's concern for the believers 2:4***

#### **4). Paul's praise for the believers 2:5**

##### Concluding comments

1. Paul made great effort to help the Colossian saints deal with the problem of false teachers.
2. Paul wanted to encourage the believers to be united in love and have complete understanding of the person of Jesus Christ.
3. Paul warned the believers of the deception of the false teachers.
4. Paul praised the believers because they had remained firm in their commitment to Jesus Christ and had not been led astray into error.

##### Questions for discussion

1. Why is it important for a church to be encouraged and united in love in order to deal with false teaching? What does that look like?
2. Have you ever talked to someone who was teaching things that were false? How did you deal with that situation/s?
3. How can you encourage other believers to remain firm in their commitment to Jesus Christ? How do you remain firm in your personal commitment to Jesus Christ?
4. Why is it absolutely necessary to constantly study the Bible in our walk with the Lord?