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(Col. 2:1-10)

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- **Colossians 2:1-10** ¹ For I (Paul) want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Paul says "The knowledge of God's mystery is Christ," in this context the mystery refers to the truth that all God's riches needed for eternal salvation and eternal life are in Christ. It is Paul's desire that all believers will come to this revelation and knowledge because it is this knowledge that gives those in Christ the full assurance of salvation. The treasures of wisdom and knowledge found in Christ, embraces all of the following:

- Forgiveness of sins and redemption.
- The eternal promises made to Abraham and to Israel.
- Entry into the Kingdom of God and eternal life.
- Wisdom concerning salvation and living a godly lifestyle.
- The full assurance of salvation.

When Paul says, "For in Jesus the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily," he is not mystically or secretly saying that Jesus the Son is actually God the Father (as many believe), if that was the case Paul would simply say so especially if it was important to believe to be saved to eternal life. It is interesting to notice that Paul always proclaimed that sinners must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved and never once told anyone that they must believe Jesus is God to be saved. Surely if no one could be saved without believing Jesus is God Paul would have said, whoever believes Jesus is God will be saved, or told us that we must believe Jesus is God at least once somewhere in the Gospel he proclaimed, but all we read from Jesus, the apostles, Paul and the Scriptures is that we must believe Jesus is the Son of God to be saved.

God (Jesus heavenly Father) resurrected Jesus and exalted him to His right-hand side (where he sits at this present time) and gave him all authority and rule, a name above every name, the authority to judge and the power to give eternal life. Everything God has, He has given to the Son. It is very much like a human father who has a global multi-billion dollar company, raising up his son from birth, not only watching him learn the business as he grows, but also testing him and then being so pleased with his sons knowledge, maturity, integrity, honesty, loyalty and faithfulness that he hands the entire company over to his son and gives him all authority fully confident that his son will only do those things that he as his father and the as the boss of the company would do.

This is what the words, "For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily," it means God the Father has not only poured His Spirit out upon Christ without any limitation and given Jesus all authority and power over all things, but also that everything needed for forgiveness of sin, redemption and eternal salvation is in Christ. The words, "You have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority" means, "You have

been saved by Christ who God has made the head of all rule and all authorities." This is what the term, "In Jesus the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" means; it is not saying Jesus is God, but that he has the Spirit of God and all the authority and power of God concerning the world, the church and eternal life dwelling in him.

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