

**“Full Knowledge of Christ Our Defense”**  
**Colossians 2:1-5**

**I. Christ - The Sum of God’s Revelation**

- A. Christ is God’s mystery.
- B. As such, He is God’s full and final revelation.

*Hebrews 1:1–2 - <sup>1</sup> God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <sup>2</sup> in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.*

- C. No other revelation is needed or is coming.

**II. Christ - The Sum of Wisdom and Knowledge**

- A. All wisdom (skill for life) is found in Jesus.
  - 1. Jesus is wisdom personified.

*1 Corinthians 1:24 - <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*

- 2. All wisdom passages should first be interpreted in relation to Him.

*Proverbs 15:4 - A gentle tongue (Christ’s tongue) is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*

- 3. A truly successful and beneficial life is only found in living according to Christ’s wisdom.

- B. All knowledge is found in Jesus, and His word.
  - 1. Knowledge of Him is more important than anything.
  - 2. All knowledge has its starting point and center in Him.
    - a. Not that facts can’t be discovered outside the Bible.

- b. But all facts must be interpreted in relation to Christ.

### **III. Christ - Our Defense Against Delusion**

- A. Knowing the above about Christ defends us against worldly persuasion.
  - 1. Knowing Jesus is God's final revelation helps us resist claims to more or contrary messages from God.
  - 2. Knowing Jesus is the sum of knowledge bolsters us against the "intellectual" attacks of the world.
- B. Yet we must be growing in this knowledge of Christ together.
  - 1. Our defense includes the encouragement and accountability of God's people.
  - 2. We are in this together.