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Scripture text: Colossians 2:1-7

1. The church is not a physical building, but a body of believers gathered to worship God. The church belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ and it has to be patterned after God's design. The Colossian was not worshipping God in Spirit and in truth, therefore Apostle Paul had to write to them to correct their understanding.

2. The church in Christ must be comforted and strengthened in the truth of God. The love for Christ constrains us to know His Word, study it and find comfort in it. The wealth of the church lies in every believer obeying God's Word and bearing a godly witness. All the treasures of God are found in the 66 books of the Bible, which reveal all that we need to know about God and man. The Holy Spirit will grant us spiritual wisdom and understanding to discern God's Word.

3. The church in Christ must be anchored and grounded in the truth of God, such that she will not be influenced by worldly temptations or the attacks of Satan. It is her only defence against falsehood. The church will be secure in Christ if she upholds order and discipline according to God's Word and every believer is steadfast in their faith.

4. The church in Christ will continue walking according to the commandments of Christ, who is the Head of the church. For the church to be rooted in God's Word, they must first be taught the whole counsel of God. The desire of God is for all His churches to be spiritually mature, built up in the Word of God and a thankful people.