The Gospel: The Living Faith

The gospel is a living faith. In fact, our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. We are covered by the life of Christ. And HIS life is alive in us right now. Although this is a reality for everyone in Christ, there are times when we might become discouraged. Paul wrote to the Colossian believers "…so that they may be encouraged in heart…" (Colossians 2:2). His message of encouragement is still alive today as God's Word to us.

God's Word, in the power of the Holy Spirit, brings encouragement through the life that God has placed within us. While we have a blessed privileged position in Christ, we also have a blessed responsibility. We are to know and understand our faith. The more we adhere to this responsibility the more our faith will come alive.

Paul's letter to the believers in Colosse was motivated by the will of God to lend a helping hand to those who no longer belong to this world. We no longer look to this world for strength and encouragement. We are called to find our encouragement from a source outside of this world. In fact, we are called to grow in our knowledge of Christ "…in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). Our encouragement meter should be rising heavenward more and more each day.

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Colossians 2:1-5

1 CONTEND FOR YOUR FAITH

 Paul’s struggle

 Our struggle

2-3 KNOW YOUR FAITH

 Faith on purpose

 Faith in Christ

4-5 GUARD YOUR FAITH

 On point

 On guard