**COLOSSIANS: THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH**

Colossians 2:1-7

1) Read Colossians 2:1-5. Describe in only a few words Paul’s concern for a church he’d never met.

2) What do we know about Laodicea? (Revelation 3:14-22)

3) Up to this point in the letter, what has Paul done for the church? (1:9, 1:24, 2:1)

4) What is Paul’s three-fold goal in striving for this church? (2:2-3)

5) What does it mean to be encouraged?

6) How can individuals have their hearts knit together? (2:19)

7) What mystery does the Paul desire the church to gain full knowledge of?

8) Where does all wisdom and knowledge originate? (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10)

9) How does King Solomon describe the value of wisdom? (Proverbs 3:13-18)

10) How does Paul describe false teachings in verse 4?

11) Write a contemporary false teaching that, for many, is plausible and persuasive.

12) How is Paul with the church in Colossae if he is in Rome?

13) What is Paul pleased to see in the church in verse 5?

14) In verse 6, how does Paul say the church was saved?

15) How does Paul say the church ought to live out their salvation?

16) What must characterize a Christian’s salvation and life? Why?

17) Ask God to impress on your heart a church or people you’ve never met. Pray for them.