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Colossians 2:1-5

...The Stability of Your Faith in Christ.

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Colossians 1:28-29 (Review)

²⁸We **proclaim Him**, admonishing every man and **teaching every man with all wisdom**, so that we may present every man **complete in Christ**. ²⁹For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Colossians 2:1-5 (Focus Text)

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, ²**that their hearts may be encouraged**, having been knit together **in love**, and **attaining to all the wealth** that comes from **the full assurance of understanding**, resulting in **a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself**, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴I say this **so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument**. ⁵For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see **your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ**.

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death** until He comes.

2 Peter 1:5-11

⁵Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, **in your faith** supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, ⁷and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness love.

⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, **they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁹For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

¹⁰Therefore, brethren, **be all the more diligent** to make certain about His calling and choosing you; **for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble**.

Proverbs 23: 22-26

²²**Listen to** your father who begot you, And **do not despise** your mother when she is old. ²³**Buy truth and do not sell it, Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.** ²⁴The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who sires a wise son will be glad in him. ²⁵Let your father and your mother be glad and let her rejoice who gave birth to you.

Catechism Q/A 64.

Q. Since faith alone makes us partakers of Christ and His benefits, from where does this faith come?

A. From the Holy Spirit, who kindles it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and other ordinances, and confirms it by the use of the sacraments.

Q/A 65.

Q. What are the sacraments?

A. They are sacred signs and seals set before our eyes and ordained of God for this purpose, that He may declare and confirm by them the promise of His gospel unto us, to this, that He gives freely remission of sins and life everlasting to everyone in particular who believes in the sacrifice of Christ which He accomplished once for all upon the cross.

(a) **Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 10:16; *Rom. 6:3-6; Heb. *10:10**

Romans 6:3-6

³Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Hebrews 10:10

¹⁰By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.