

The background of the image is a peaceful sunset scene. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the left side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the calm water. The sky is a mix of soft oranges, yellows, and pale blues. In the foreground, an open book with white pages lies flat on a dark, textured surface, possibly a wooden dock or pier. The pages of the book are slightly aged and show some faint, illegible markings.

COLOSSIANS

*“in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead
bodily; and you are complete in Him”*

Colossians 2

I. Paul's Struggle on Behalf of the Colossians (vv. 1-5)

A. His Desire for Them (vv. 1-3)

- a. Paul had a great conflict for them, the Laodiceans, and all who had not seen him in the flesh. (v. 1)
- b. He wants their hearts to be encouraged, being knit together in love. (v. 2a)
- c. He wants them to attain to full assurance of understanding, and the knowledge of God's mystery, of the Father and Christ, in whom are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (v. 3)

B. His Concern for Them (vv. 4-5)

- a. His words are to prevent deception from others by persuasive words. (v. 4)
- b. In spirit he is with them, rejoicing to see their order, and steadfastness of faith in Christ. (v. 5)

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- II. Warning Against Error (vv. 6-23)
 - A. Encouragement to Walk in Christ (vv. 6-7)
 - a. They have received Christ Jesus the Lord. (v. 6a)
 - b. They should therefore walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. (vv. 6b-7)
 - B. Warning Against Philosophy and Deceit (v. 8)
 - a. He warns against being cheated by philosophy and empty deceit. (v. 8a)
 - i. According to the tradition of men. (v. 8b)
 - ii. According to the basic principles of the world. (v. 8c)
 - b. Such is not according to Christ. (v. 8d)

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 - C. The Fullness of Christ (vv. 9-15)
 - a. The fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ bodily. (v. 9)
 - i. Completeness is in Him. (v. 10a)
 - ii. He is the head of all principality and power. (v. 10b)



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 - b. In Christ they were spiritually circumcised by the putting off the body of sins. (v. 11)
 - i. They were buried with Him in baptism. (v. 12a)
 - ii. In baptism they were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Christ. (v. 12b)

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 - iii. They, being dead, were made alive together with Christ. (v. 13a)
 - 1. Their trespasses having been forgiven. (v. 13b)
 - 2. The handwriting of requirements contrary to them were wiped out, taken out of the way, and nailed to the cross. (v. 14)
 - 3. Principalities and powers were disarmed, and He made a public spectacle of them in triumph. (v. 15)

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 - D. Warning Against Self-Imposed Religion (vv. 16-23)
 - a. Let no one judge you: (v. 16a)
 - i. In food or in drink. (v. 16b)
 - ii. Or a festival, new moon, or sabbaths. (v. 16c)
 - iii. These are a shadow, but the substance is Christ. (v. 17)

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 - a. Let no one judge you: (v. 16a)
 - b. Let no one cheat you of your reward: (v. 18a)
 - i. Delighting in false humility and worship of angels. (v. 18b)
 - ii. Intruding into things not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind. (v. 18c)
 - iii. Not holding to the Head, from whom the body is together, and grows with increase from God. (v. 19)

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 - a. Let no one judge you: (v. 16a)
 - b. Let no one cheat you of your reward: (v. 18a)
 - c. Why do you subject yourself to worldly regulations according to commandments and doctrines of men if you died with Christ from these basic principles of the world? (vv. 20-22)
 - i. These have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body. (v. 23a)
 - ii. They are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh. (v. 23b)