

(Colossians 2:4-10) I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive arguments. For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the strength of your faith in Christ. Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ. For in Him the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily, and you have been filled by Him, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

ROOTED IN CONVICTION

We want to have firmly held beliefs in the Gospel.

1. A Strong Conviction of TRUTH

A. Our standard is Scripture.

(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

B. If the bible says it, it's true.

(8) Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ.

(4) I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive arguments.

2. A Strong Conviction of FAITH

(5b) rejoicing to see your good order and the strength of your faith in Christ.

A. We want our faith in Jesus to be strong.

(Jeremiah 29:13) "You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

(6-7) Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught.

B. We want our faith in Jesus to be stable.

3. A Strong Conviction of SPIRIT

A. The Spirit of God lives in all who trust and follow Jesus.

(9-10) For in Him (Jesus) the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily, and you have been filled by Him (Jesus), who is the head over every ruler and authority.

B. The Spirit of God gives us a victorious conviction about life