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### 1. Heresies in the first century & knowledge

- a. the Colossian heresy - addressed by Paul in his letter to the Colossians
- b. the idea of hidden or secret knowledge that only a few could find
- c. replacement of doctrine for that which is false
- d. same issues face us today - recent events point this out with gnostic texts etc.

### 2. Hidden knowledge or divine revelation

- a. **Col 1.26-27** - to whom we would make known
- b. **Col 2.1-2** - as many as have not seen my face in the flesh
- c. **Col 2.3** - all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
- d. **Col 1.23** - preached unto every creature
- e. **Jude 3** - once delivered unto the saints
- f. **2 Pet 1.3** - hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness
- g. **2 Pet 1.20** - no prophecy is of private interpretation

### 3. Replacement of doctrine with that which is false

- a. **Col 1.9-10** - desire that ye might be filled with all knowledge and wisdom
- b. **Rom 10.17** - so then faith cometh by hearing ..... word of God
- c. **Col 1.21-22** - enemies in your mind
- d. **Eph 2.1-7** - that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches
- e. **Eph 2.13** - ye who were afar off brought nigh
- f. **Eph 3.4** - when ye read ye may understand my knowledge
- g. **2 Tim 3.13** - evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse

### 4. Hold to that which is true

- a. **Col 2.4** - beguile you with enticing words
- b. **Matt 24.24** - many false prophets and false Christs
- c. **Col 3.16** - let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
- d. **1 Tim 1.3** - charge some that they teach no other doctrine
- e. **2 Thess 3.6** - withdraw yourselves from every brother walketh disorderly
- f. **2 John 10** - if there come any unto you
- g. **Col 4.12** - that ye may stand perfect and complete

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### 2. Hidden knowledge or divine revelation

**Col 1.26-27** - Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

**Col 2.1-2** - For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2: That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

**Col 2.3** - In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Col 1.23** - If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**Jude 3** - Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

**2 Pet 1.3** - According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

**2 Pet 1.20** - Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

### 3. Replacement of doctrine with that which is false

**Col 1.9-10** - For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10: That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

**Rom 10.17** - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Col 1.21-22** - And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22: In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

**Eph 2.1-7** - And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2: Wherein in

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time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4: But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5: Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6: And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

**Eph 2.13** - But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

**Eph 3.4** - Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

**2 Tim 3.13** - But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

### 4. Hold to that which is true

**Col 2.4** - And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.

**Matt 24.24** - many false prophets and false Christs

**Col 3.16** - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**1 Tim 1.3** - s I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

**2 Thess 3.6** - Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

**2 John 10** - If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

**Col 4.12** - Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

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