Today's Outline

- Paul's Great Conflict
- The Church's Life Together
- All The Wisdom and Knowledge
- Keep Moving
- A Warning from Laodicea

Four Dangerous Teaching

1. **Intellectualism** - Gnosticism: Special Knowledge
2. **Legalism** - Judaizers: teach it is necessary to adopt Jewish customs and practices
3. **Mysticism** - Super Spiritual: spiritual truth, or ultimate reality can be attained through subjective experience
4. **Asceticism** - Self-Deniers: severe self-discipline and avoidance of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons

Paul's Struggle

Conflict: agṓn, ag-one'; properly, a place of assembly (as if led), i.e. (by implication) a contest (held there); figuratively, an effort or anxiety:—conflict, contention, fight, race

Phl 1:30 having the same **conflict** which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

1Th 2:2 But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much **conflict**.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good **fight** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought the good **fight**, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Lycus River Valley

Meander R.
Hierapolis
Lycus River
Laodicea
Colossae

Hidden: apókryphos, ap-ok'-roo-fos; from G613; secret; by implication, treasured:—hid, kept secret.
 "His very use of that word is a blow aimed at the Gnostics… Gnostics believed that a great mass of elaborate knowledge was necessary for salvation. That knowledge they set down in their books which they called *apokruphos* because they were barred to the ordinary man."   Barclay

Walk in Him

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
Rom 8:4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.
Rom 13:13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.
1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
3Jo 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

What Does it Mean to Be Rooted

Rooted: to cause to strike root, to strengthen with roots, to render firm, to fix, establish, cause a person or a thing to be thoroughly grounded.

that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded "in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
Eph 3:17-19

Old Testament Word Planted and Planting

Psa 1:3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither;And whatever he does shall prosper.

Isa 61:3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called **oaks** of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

We are Built on Jesus Christ

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. 1 Cor 3:9-14