

Hello! This is Dorothy -

You know, the Apostle Paul had never been to Colosse, but from his prison cell in Rome, he sent a letter to one who had been a fellow prisoner of the Lord Jesus named Epaphras. He knew that Epaphras was the chosen instrument to evangelize the area and then to pastor those new believers. Praise God for a life like Epaphras, one who wanted to share with other pastors, such as Paul, the needs of His people, that together they could believe that God would deal with what the key problem was. They were being hindered in their growth and believed the Lord to break through. You see, Paul, although he had not met these people, loved them. They were fellow believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was by divine inspiration that he wrote and warned them. But, you know, if these circumstances had not been in the Church at that time, we would not have been blessed, because, interestingly, what he warned them about then, we could be warned about right now in what is taking place. The Bible says there is absolutely **nothing new under the sun.**

Therefore, he was warning of this mixture of something like the Grecian pantheistic philosophy and a Jewish legality and an

oriental mysticism, which Satan had all mixed up and it was called gnosticism. “Well,” you say, “we do not have that around today.” Listen to this. From this word *gnosticism* is derived the word *knowledge*. They claimed that they had this fuller knowledge of life and death and heavenly beings and they just totally perverted Scriptures. You see, what they went after was to appeal to the human mind. So many people have been fooled because they think, “I must have my mind satisfied. Therefore, I am going to follow this.” And before they know it, they have been snared. The root error of what took place is what we call today this “New Thinking.” Satan seeks to rob any of the life-changing knowledge of *Christ, who is the fulness of God*. Some still refuse the divine revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ given to us in the Bible. They proudly call themselves *agnostics*. This is very interesting. Seemingly, they are unaware that that word from its Latin derivative, means *ignorant!* So, if you say, “I am an agnostic,” remember this: you are calling yourself ignorant! The Lord God Almighty tells us to come to Him through the one true mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus. In the **Book of Colossians**, even the Holy Spirit seems as if He hides Himself so that we will all glorify one Jesus Christ as the Head of the new creation.

In a little book my husband, Richard, wrote — *Food for Faith* --- it

makes it very clear that when you search the Scriptures for yourself, you are going to understand that He alone is truth. He alone is the wisdom to show in the Word of God that which is of the lies of Satan. Some of you perhaps feel as if you are bound and captive and very ignorant. That is where Satan would blind you. Only through our identification with our Lord Jesus is it possible through His Word to, as it says in **Colossians 1:10** - . . . **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing** - *listen to this* - **in the knowledge of God.** There is difference in His knowledge from this other knowledge that Satan would try to put upon you.

After we have entrusted our souls to the Lord and Saviour Jesus, *faith* holds on to the Cross; *hope* looks on to the glory; and *love* will be empowered in such a way that it explodes on a dying world that needs Him. As a born-again believer, my *faith* rests in the Person of Jesus Who died and rose again and has given me eternal salvation. It is my blessed *hope* that looks to the future, anticipating being in my heavenly Father's home. My faith, hope, and love know my Lord Jesus Christ is my Attorney and High Priest in every situation of every day, for He is at the right hand of God. My expectation is that Jesus Christ is coming again. As His child, I will be associated with Him when He reigns in righteousness and in power.

You say, "That's your testimony." Oh, the testimonies that would come from around the world would amplify just this. We heard from one who also had his mind deceived. He wrote as a Muslim in a city in West Africa. He wrote, I fell on your book and I read it. It throws into question everything I had always believed. I want to discuss this further, because I have been listening to some of these broadcasts about the Lord Jesus Christ. How important, as this man wrote, that you realize it is not by accident that you are listening. May it be as you write for one of these books today and as you turn to the Word of God that you are spiritually helped to see that all knowledge is in our lovely Lord Jesus Christ. May you find Him to be your fullness and All in all for His glory.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.