

The Success for Which We Strive
Colossians 2:1-4
Pastor Conley

Review:

In this passage the apostle Paul makes it clear that he has been involved in a great spiritual struggle. In fact, chapter 1 of Colossians ends with the significance of this struggle.

Pastor Conley pointed out to us that Paul's struggle was for the spiritual health of all believers (parameters); that Christ was himself the goal toward which Paul was helping them (the prize); and he did this because of the persuasive teaching of false teachers (peril).

Application:

1. We are a very self-absorbed society. How is this evidenced in our home, school, and church?
2. We are often content to only concern ourselves with those friends within our comfortable group. How often is your heart open to those outside your group? How would your actions demonstrate this love?
3. Pastor Conley said in regard to church life, "A detached Christian is easy prey for the devil." What did he mean by that?
4. How do many people "pit church against family?"
5. Explain Colossians 2:3. We typically think of "things" as being a prize. How is Christ our prize?
6. What is the "peril" of vs 4? What are some "plausible arguments that you've heard?"