

I. Remember the church’s struggle against attractive arguments (2:1-5).

- A. Who has benefitted from this conflict? (2:1)
- B. The goals of the conflict (2:2-3)
 - 1. To encourage believers
 - 2. To unite the church in love
 - 3. To have all the wealth of understanding’s conviction
 - 4. To know the mystery of God: Christ.
- C. Why talk about conflict (2:4-5)
 - 1. Our problem with “nice guy” syndrome.
 - 2. To expose the danger of you being misled.
 - 3. To identify the threat of attractive arguments.
 - 4. Because we are united in the Spirit even if absent in the flesh.
 - 5. Motivated by healthy joy.

II. As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him (2:6-7)

- A. The whole life lived in union with Christ
- B. Knowing the conflict should motivate you
- C. (If) you have received Christ Jesus the Lord
- D. Stay rooted in him (source of your life)
- E. Stay built in him (your designs)
- F. Stay strengthened by faith as taught
- G. Overflow in thanks to God.