*Northwest Bible Church - Jan. 20, 2008 - Worship Service - Alan Conner*

**Col. 2:1-5**

*Growing in True Knowledge*

 **Intro**

*Paul's struggle - their encouragement - assurance - true knowledge*

 **I. PAUL'S STRUGGLE (v. 1).**

A. In the past.

B. In the present.

**Application**:

 **II. THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT (v. 2).**

A. The object is the heart.

 B. The previous testimony of their love.

**Application**:

 **III. ENCOURAGEMENT LEADS TO ASSURANCE (v. 2b).**

A. The means to a full assurance of understanding.

B. The struggle with doubts.

**IV. FULL ASSURANCE LEADS TO TRUE KNOWLEDGE (v. 2c).**

Epignosis - a full and deeper knowledge of Christ, experiential. Knowledge combined with faith and obedience.

**V. CHRIST = SUM OF ALL WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE (v. 3).**

A. All wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ.

B. This wisdom is infinitely valuable.

C. This wisdom must be sought.

**Sum:**