

Colossians 1:24 - 2:5
Christ In You,
The Hope of Glory

Col. 2:6 Therefore *as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,*
7 *having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established*
in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

“The wear and tear of daily living can chip away at our trust in God and our appreciation for the bounty of life **in Christ.**”

“**The church** does not exist to meet the needs of its members
or to insure its institutional survival,
but to **fulfill the redemptive purposes of Christ,** its head.”

To excuse myself from a command of God because *I can't do it* exposes my negligence in not involving God and not depending on God's power.

The path to world peace is not a stroll on easy street.

I can be alive most when I have a willingness to lose my life for others for God's glory.

Colossians 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of **His body**, which is **the church**, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

25 **Of this church** I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to **His saints**, **27** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ.** **29** For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Colossians 2:1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, **2** that their hearts may be encouraged, having been **knit together in love**, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. **4** I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. **5** For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and **the stability of your faith in Christ.**

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❖ The apostle's suffering for the church's sake (and striving)

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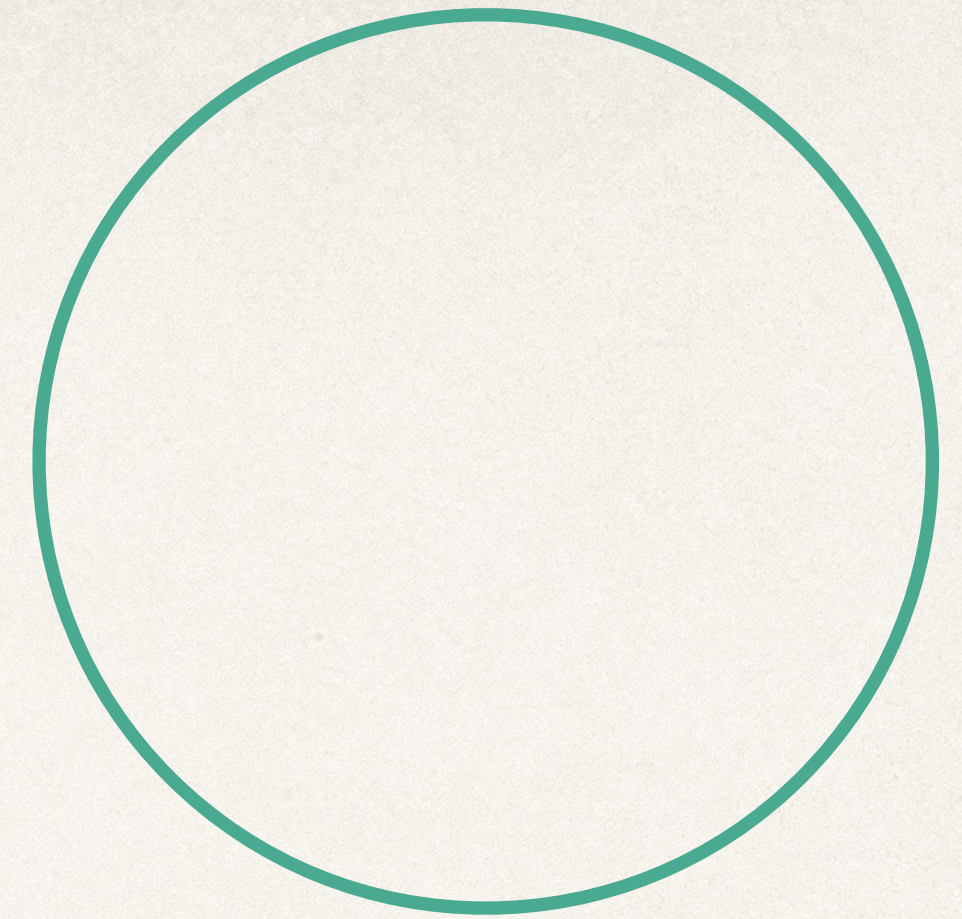
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❖ The apostle as a servant to we-church & maturing everyone

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❖ The mystery of Christ Himself & Christ in you



As the apostle Paul modeled, church people are:

- ❖ to present the word of God in its fullness and make known its glorious riches.
- ❖ to proclaim Christ and admonish and teach in all wisdom so that believers are firm in their faith.
- ❖ to create believers encouraged in heart, united in love, and full of understanding.
- ❖ to reach out with good news to those whom some may deem unworthy or excluded.