

COLOSSIANS – 1:26-2:3

“To whom God would 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 1:27

1. 1:26-27 – The Mystery of Christ

- a. The dispensation is the hidden mystery – 1 Cor 2:7-10, Eph 3:1-5
- b. The time passed / but now change – Eph 2:12-13, Rom 3:20-21, Rom 16:25-26
- c. The mystery is defined here: Christ in Gentiles – Col 1:27, Eph 3:6, Rom 8:17
- d. Gentiles were given up! – Rom 1:28, Acts 10:28, Eph 2:11-12
- e. The Mystery → Israel fallen, salvation to all, free justification, new creature, ambassador ministry, and heavenly position!
- f. The riches of the glory = Eph 3:8, we have all spiritual blessings, freely!
- g. The riches of the wisdom of God use our weakness for strength – Rom 11:32-33
- h. The hope of glory by faith (not by a covenant) – Rom 5:1-2, 8:18

2. 1:28-29 – God’s Work Through Paul

- a. Paul was ordained by God to minister the mystery – 2 Tim 1:9-11
- b. The function of Bible ministry is to teach, preach, and warn – 1 Tim 4:1-7
- c. His warning of wrong doctrine – Acts 20:30-31, 1 Cor 4:14-17
- d. Every man perfect → You are complete in Christ Col 2:10, Eph 4:13
- e. Paul had the power of God working through him – 1 Cor 3:10, 15:10, Gal 2:8,

3. 2:1-2 – Acknowledging the Mystery

- a. Everyone knows the Laodiceans from Rev 3:14-21, but these are not them
- b. The Colossians lacked full assurance – 2:2
- c. Obtain assurance by reading and understanding the evidence for the truth
- d. Our salvation is sure because of the work completed – Rom 5:11
- e. Three mysteries: mystery of God: (Rom 10:5-7, 11:15,),
- f. Mystery of the Father: his glory in the Son – Eph 1:8-10, Phil 2:9-11
- g. Mystery of Christ: the body of Christ mystery – Eph 3:1-6, Rom 16:25

4. 2:3 – All Treasures

- a. The treasures are in Christ – Col 1:27
- b. ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge – Eph 3:10-11
- c. The natural man can not discern them – 1 Cor 2:6-14