

**Sermon Title: Presence Matters Most...His Presence in you!**

**Date: August 1, 2021**

Theme: Christ's Presence in you gives you hope now and for better days yet to come!

Me: /We:

God: Main Text: **Colossians 1:24-29** **24** I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. **25** God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. **26** This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. **27** **For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.** **28** So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. **29** That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

**1) Hope (Glory) Now**

- a. **Colossians 1:27** **27** For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

i. **Christ in you..**

1. **1722** en (a preposition) – properly, in (inside, within); (figuratively) "in the realm (sphere) of," as **in the condition (state) in which something operates from the inside (within).** (biblehub)

ii. **The assurance of sharing in His glory (The Hope of Glory)**

1. **Transliteration:** elpis  
**Phonetic Spelling:** (el-pece')  
**Definition:** expectation, hope  
**Usage:** hope, expectation, trust, confidence.
- b. **John 14:15-17** **15** "If you love me, obey my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. **17** He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. **But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.**
- c. **John 15:4** **4** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.
- d. **1st John 4:12 NIV** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

**2) Hope (Glory) Later**

- a. **Romans 8:9-11** **9** But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) **10** And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. **11** The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives **in you.** **And just as God raised**

**Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.**

- b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:14-18** *14We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. 15All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. 16That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, **our spirits are being renewed every day**. 17For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

- i. **Matthew Henry**- "The weight of all temporal afflictions was lightness itself, while the glory to come was a substance, weighty, and lasting beyond description." [https://biblehub.com/commentaries/2\\_corinthians/4-16.htm](https://biblehub.com/commentaries/2_corinthians/4-16.htm)

**You:** So as we have heard from God's Word today, what are you going to do about it?

**We:** Now let's look ahead into the future to what our lives, our families, and how our communities, and even how our world would be different if each of us...

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**Communion Sunday**