

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

Pastor Lance Ainsworth Colossians 1:21-29

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, May 16 Sunday, May 19

Introduction:

Colossians 1:21-29 NASB ²¹ And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.	notes
Salvation is a connection to perfection God Salvation is a connection to imperfection me	
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.	
Christ suffered to accomplish salvation; we suffer to spread salvation.	
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 now has 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.	
Jesus, the mystery made manifest.	
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.	

Εv	idence of maturity: We are increasingly aware of our sinfulness and weakness. (v. 21)	notes
	Our spiritual battles become more intense, and yet we still rejoice. (v. 24)	
	We view service to God as a high honor, not a burden. (v.25)	
	We enjoy learning from God's word. (v. 25)	
	We view everything as coming from Him. (v. 26)	
	We love spending along time getting to know the mystery of Jsus. (v. 27)	
	We experience an ever-increasing awareness	
	of His presence. (v.27)	
	We are committed to growing within the community of God. (v. 28)	
	We are eager to share what Christ is doing in our life. (v. 28)	
	Our desire to obey Him becomes more intense, and sin is less attractive. (v. 28)	
	We are more dependent on God's Spirit	
	working within us. (v. 29)	

GROUP DISCUSSION

Transcendent Colossians 1:21-29, Pastor Lance Ainsworth May 16th & 19th, 2024 The Mystery of Jesus

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: When has somebody made you feel included?

Read Aloud: Colossians 1:21-29

1. v.26 "that is the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints," God reveals through Jesus the mystery of who the gospel is for, Jesus in us, and assurance for eternity. These three concepts were new to the audience. Which of these three ideas is most unique and mind-boggling for you?

2. v.28 "We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ." God wants us to mature in Christ. Out of the below list of evidence of maturity, which do you see growth in, and which areas would you like to see growth in?

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