IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Christ Lives in You

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Colossians 1:24-2:5 *(NIV)*

[24]Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. [25]I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— [26]the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. [27]To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. [28]He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. [29]To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

[1]I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. [2]My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, [3]in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [4]I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. [5]For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

"The Christ who created all things, sustains all things,
and reconciles us to God is the very Christ who now dwells in us!"

The indwelling presence and power of Jesus Christ will change you.

- **Christ is worth suffering for.** *(vs. 24; John 13:36-38; John 18:25-27; John 21:15-19; 1 Peter 4:12-16)*
- **Christ is our hope.** *(vs. 26-27; 1 Peter 1:3)*
- **Christ is our message.** *(vs. 28; Acts 5:42)*
- **Christ is the goal of spiritual growth.** *(vs. 28; 2 Corinthians 3:18)*
- **Christ is the power behind our ministry.** *(vs. 29; Acts 2:14)*
- **Christ is the revelation of God's mystery.** *(vs. 2; Colossians 1:15)*
- **Christ is the source of true wisdom.** *(vs. 3; 1 Corinthians 1:25-30)*
- **Christ is the foundation of our faith.** *(vs. 5; 1 Peter 2:4-6)*

"You can't—He never said you could;
He can—He always said He would."
"Christ gave his life for you so he could give his life to you
so he could live his life through you."
~ Major W. Ian Thomas