



Sermon Guide: Living to Make the Mystery Known - 03/08/26

Text(s): Colossians 1:24-27

Big Idea: *Let's gladly make Christ Known - he is worth any cost.*

Summary of the Sermon - As servants and stewards, believers are entrusted with the message of the gospel, not to reshape or promote themselves, but to faithfully make Christ known. The great mystery now revealed is that Christ Himself dwells in His people (“Christ in you, the hope of glory”) and that glorious reality compels us to gladly make Him known to our neighbors and the nations even when we suffer for that cause.

Discussion Questions

1. In Colossians 1:24, Paul says he is “filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.” What can this not mean, and what does Paul actually mean by it?
2. Why does Paul describe himself as a servant (diakonos) and steward of the gospel rather than emphasizing his authority as an apostle?
3. According to verses 26–27, what is the mystery that was hidden for ages but is now revealed?
4. Why do you think Paul describes the gospel as the “riches of the glory” of this mystery?
5. What does the phrase “Christ in you, the hope of glory” reveal about the present and future hope of believers?
6. How does remembering who Christ is (Colossians 1:15–20) deepen your sense of awe that He now dwells in believers?
7. Paul says he rejoices in suffering because it helps make Christ known. What kinds of costs or sacrifices might Christians experience today when they share the gospel?
8. How does thinking of yourself as a steward of the gospel change the way you view your everyday relationships, workplace, or neighborhood?
9. What is one specific way you could make Christ known this week, either locally or through supporting global missions?