

“The Difference One Person Can Make”

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Colossians 1:24-29

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Introduction:

- A. The story of a boy and the _____ - “It made a difference for _____”
- B. God has always used _____ to make a difference in the _____.
- C. Paul _____ to the Lord and therefore God was able to make a _____ difference through Paul.

I. Paul the _____, Sharing the _____ (Col. 1:21-23)

- A. In just a few verses, Paul encapsulates the _____ and _____ of the gospel.
- B. The gospel in simple terms states that _____ alienates, but _____ reconciles.
- C. The gospel is great news that everyone desperately _____ and is our privilege and _____ to share.
- D. I pray that all of us will be as excited and intent on sharing about the great _____ we have found in _____.

II. Paul the _____, _____ for the Lost (Col. 24-27)

- A. Jesus told Paul that he would _____ as His _____ (Acts 9:16).
- B. When Paul said that he was _____ in his flesh what was lacking in Christ’s afflictions, he did not mean that Jesus’ death was an _____ sacrifice.
- C. What is lacking is the _____ to get the gospel out to people everywhere.
- D. Paul rejoiced in his suffering for the gospel like a _____ who is able to rejoice in her sufferings of _____.
- E. I pray that we will be willing to fill up in our flesh the suffering for the sake of the _____ and the _____.

III. Paul the _____, Striving for the _____ (Col. 1:28-2:3)

- A. Paul’s _____:
 - 1. Paul’s primary subject was _____.
 - 2. Paul’s teaching wasn’t always positive, warm and fuzzy, but also included _____ and _____.
- B. Paul’s _____:
 - 1. Paul was struggling for them in _____ (1:3, 9, 4:12-13).
 - 2. Prayer is not the _____ we can do, but is one of the _____ things we can do for others.
- C. Paul’s _____:
 - 1. Paul’s goal was to present everyone _____ in Christ.
 - 2. Paul was quick to point out that he labors, striving with _____.

Conclusion:

- A. Paul’s ministry is a good example for us to follow.
 - 1. Like Paul, let’s proclaim _____ and share the _____.
 - 2. Like Paul, let’s struggle in _____ and be willing to take _____.
 - 3. Like Paul, let’s aim to present everyone _____ in Christ.

Answer Key: A. starfish, that, one. B. people, world. C. gave, himself, tremendous. I. Preacher, Gospel. I.A. warning, wonder. I.B. sin, Jesus. I.C. needs, responsibility. I.D. treasure, Jesus. II. Prisoner, Suffering. II.A. suffer, witness. II.B. completing, inadequate. II.C. effort. II.D. mother, childbirth. II.E. gospel, church. III. Worker, Saints. III.A. Instruction. III.A.1. Jesus. III.A.2. warning, correction. III.B. Intercession. III.B.1. prayer. III.B.2. least, most, important. III.C. Intention. III.C.1. mature. III.C.2. God’s, strength. Concl.A. Christ, good, news. B. prayer, responsibility. C. mature.