



Colossians: *Christ the Builder*
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Key Verses: Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

Key Thought: Paul writes to the church in Colossae upon learning the young believers have been subject to erroneous teaching. His purpose was to encourage and properly shape their theology of Christ.

Points to Consider:

- 1:24 - Paul joyfully sacrificed for the sake of the church, whom he loved. Likewise, he challenged the church to do their part to spread the good news. Without this joyful sacrifice of faithful believers, Christ's suffering would be incomplete.
- 1:25-26 – We are to be servants of the church, not simply consumers. While there is nothing wrong with benefiting from the church, we are to be mindful of our role in the mission of the church.
- 1:27-29 – As believers, we need to embrace the hope of glory which is Christ *in* us. As a result, we can proclaim Him to others and guide them toward wholeness in Christ.
- 2:1-4 – Paul's goal, and ours, is that others may be encouraged and united in love so that they may find all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge found in the mystery of Christ. This wisdom and knowledge enables one to resist the persuasiveness of erroneous teachings of current culture.

Discussion Prompts:

- What are the characteristics of a believer who joyfully sacrifices for the purpose of sharing the good news of Christ? Do you need to embrace any of those characteristics personally?
- Reflect on your relationship with the church. Are you a consumer or a servant?
- What would the impact be on yourself and those around you if you fully embraced the fact that Christ is *in* you?
- How/from where are you seeking to gain wisdom and knowledge of Christ?
- Close in prayer for one another, asking the Lord to reveal His mission for each of you within His church.