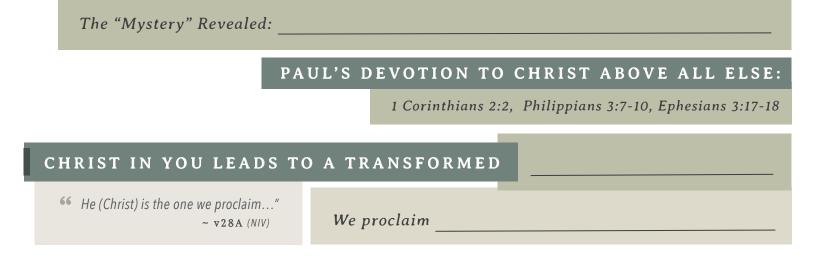


66 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – ²⁶ the mystery 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 (Christ) 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."

~ COLOSSIANS 1:24-29 (N/V)



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DISCUSSION Questions:

- 1 Have you ever felt like you have done the right thing but for the wrong reason or with the wrong motivation? How did that go for you?
- *2* How would you describe to someone new to Christianity what Paul means by, "Christ in you, the hope of Glory."?
- 3 Read 1 Corinthians 2:2, Philippians 3:7-10, Ephesians 3:17-18 (and John 15:5). What would you say is the overall theme of these Scriptures? Have you experienced this in your life before? If so, when and how?
- 4 In Colossians 1:28-29 after Paul writes about "Christ in you the hope of glory" he goes on to talk about his Message, Ministry and Motivation. Review together what is his message, ministry and motivation. Which of these do you resonate with at this time? Which of these would you say you need more of in your life these days?
- 5 Would you say that currently your life is in "maintenance mode" or "mission mode?" Why and what would it take to move to a greater mission mode in 2022?

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