



JANUARY 16TH, 2022 | PASTOR GLEN BARNES

THE CHALLENGE:

Am I living in Maintenance Mode or Mission Mode?

THE COLOSSIAN PROBLEM:

PAUL'S SOLUTION:

“

My dear wormwood, the real trouble with your patient is that he is merely a Christian. What we want if they become Christians at all, is to keep them in a state called **Christianity AND...** Christianity and the new psychology, Christianity and faith healing, Christianity and psychic research, Christianity and astrology and anything else.

”

- CS Lewis
The Screwtape Letters

“ 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 (NIV)

The “Mystery” Revealed: _____

PAUL'S DEVOTION TO CHRIST ABOVE ALL ELSE:

1 Corinthians 2:2, Philippians 3:7-10, Ephesians 3:17-18

CHRIST IN YOU LEADS TO A TRANSFORMED

“ He (Christ) is the one we proclaim...”
~ v28A (NIV)

We proclaim _____

CHRIST IN YOU LEADS TO A TRANSFORMED

“...admonishing (EVERYONE) and teaching EVERYONE with all wisdom, so that we may present EVERYONE fully mature in Christ.”

~ v28B (NIV)

Our focus is _____

Everyone (Greek) Panta Anthropon: _____

CHRIST IN YOU LEADS TO A TRANSFORMED

“To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

~ v29 (NIV)

Our energy comes from _____

Next STEPS
STEP 1
MEMBERSHIP CLASS

CLASS BEGINS
TODAY @ 9:45AM

IN THE CHURCH LOBBY -
CONFERENCE ROOM/LIBRARY

Step 1 is a basic introduction to our church family and is designed to clearly explain who and what our church is. This class covers Our Salvation, Our Statements, Our Strategy and Our Structure. You will hear the history of First Baptist, learn how living the 5 biblical purposes are necessary in order to fulfill God's purpose for your life, and discover plans for the future of First Baptist. At the end of Step 1 you will have the opportunity to fill out, sign and submit the Membership Application or wait until another time.

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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