

Response Questions
April 10, 2022 | Colossians 1:24-2:5

1. How many times does Paul reference persecution in 1:24-2:5? What have you given up or taken upon yourself for Christ that you might describe as “suffering for Christ”?
2. What is the “mystery” that has been kept hidden?
3. How does this mystery affect your future?
4. What words does Paul use to describe his ministry? (1:24,1:25, 1:28, 1:29, 2:1)
5. What emotional state does Paul describe as he presents this description of his ministry?
6. In what two ways does Paul seek to encourage the Colossians? (2:2-4)
7. What two things does Paul know about the Colossians that give him delight?
8. All through Colossians Paul talks about being “in Christ,” how is this different from “Christ in you”? How often do you consider the reality that the Spirit of Christ is in you?
9. Paul is struggling, but he says with all of Christ’s energy. When in your life have you struggled, but found Christ’s energy and strength present as you did? How have you found joy in “the grind” of obeying Jesus?
10. Paul was writing to people he had never met face-to-face, and yet his goal was to present them “mature in Christ.” How would our families change if that were our main goal? Benton Street Baptist Church? Community Groups? Our community at large?