

Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

Colossians 1:24–29

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What is worth your whole life?

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Big Idea

Because Christ is in us, we can gladly spend
ourselves for others
in the strength He provides.

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“...in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.”

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“Mr. Dickson, you are advanced in years now, and your own prospect is soon to be laid in the grave, there to be eaten by worms; I confess to you, that if I can but live and die serving and honoring the Lord Jesus, it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by cannibals or by worms; for in the Great Day my resurrection body will rise as fair as yours in the likeness of our risen Redeemer.”

John G. Paton

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2. Can you see that cost as meaningful?

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“Every millisecond of your pain and misery, IN THE PATH OF OBEDIENCE, is producing a peculiar Glory you will get because of that. I don’t care if it was Cancer or Criticism. I don’t care if it was Slander or Sickness. It wasn’t meaningless. It is doing something – Its not meaningless. Of course you can’t see what its doing. Don’t look to what is seen. When your mom dies, when your kid dies, when you got cancer at 40, when a car careens into the sidewalk and takes her out. Don’t say its meaningless. Its not. Its working for you an eternal weight of Glory. Therefore, therefore, do not lose heart but take these truths and day by day focus on them. Preach them to yourself every morning. Get alone with God and preach His word into your mind until your heart sings with confidence that you are new and cared for.”

John Piper

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II. Christ Has Entrusted Us with the Gospel (His ordained means to reconcile the lost)

Colossians 1:25–27

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“...of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known.”

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A. His Role: A Steward, Not an Owner

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1 Peter 4:10

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

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B. The Task: Make the Word of God Fully Known

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A. That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

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III. Christ Is the Goal of Our Ministry

Colossians 1:28

*“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and
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with all wisdom, that we may present everyone
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A. The Message: “Him we proclaim”

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B. The Method: Warning and Teaching

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IV. Christ Supplies the Power

Colossians 1:29

“For this I toil, struggling with all his energy
that he powerfully
works within me.”

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**Christ is worth your life,
because Christ gave his life for you.**

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