

IV. Colossians: The Preeminence and Prominence of Jesus Christ

"Spoiler Alert! Mystery Revealed!"

Colossians 1:24–2:5

THEME OF THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS:

Christians should strive for maturity, but not by keeping earthly, legalistic laws, rather by faithfully seeking the heavenly Christ. This should result in putting off the old, sinful lifestyle, and putting on a new-creation lifestyle, to do so with thanksgiving, and to do so with a view to the spread of the gospel.

THEME OF COLOSSIANS 1:24-2:5:

Paul takes joy in his struggle to proclaim the person and work of Christ for the benefit of the Christian and the local church.

**THREE PRIMARY WORDS WITH
THREE IMPLICATIONS**

1. REJOICE → COMFORT

2. PROCLAMATION → MYSTERY REVEALED

3. STRUGGLE → UNITY

LIFE TAKEAWAYS

- 1. The suffering of the Christian reveals the Glory of God, while the body of Christ comforts the suffering Christian.**
- 2. The world will promise the ephemeral riches of philosophy and the empty pleasures of sin, but full assurance only comes through the knowledge of Christ.**
- 3. The product of deeper knowledge and a deeper relationship with Christ is more unity, greater encouragement, and binding love, not less.**