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We conclude Colossians 1 today which is about the fulness of Jesus Christ in all things (v. 19). Last week, we saw His reconciling of all things in heaven and earth and in every individual who trusts completely in His reconciling work on the cross (v. 20-21). Today, Paul concludes the discussion about his and our personal gospel ministry...bringing lost souls to see and understand the cross of Jesus Christ. Many Christians, though truly saved, will finish their course in this life and yet fail in their mission...not having the gospel _____ as an integral part of their own life...simply moving away from it (v. 23, 25; 2 Cor. 5:18-20).

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY (MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION) – Colossians 1:23-29

1. The Gospel Ministry Involves Suffering – v. 23-24

- Paul was personally afflicted in **his** _____ for the sake of **Christ's body** (*the church*) – v. 24; 2 Cor. 11:23-28; Gal. 6:17.

Filling up that which is behind (Acts 9:15-16; Php. 3:10) =

- When the gospel message advances, there is always _____ suffering – 2 Tim. 3:12; Acts 5:41-42; 2 Cor. 4:16-17; 1 Pet. 3:14-15, 4:14; 1 Thess. 2:4.

2. The Gospel Ministry Lasts a Certain Length of Time – v. 25-27

- The gospel of Jesus Christ is a _____ hidden from ages and generations but is now entrusted to every saint of God for a time – v. 25-26; Rom. 16:25; 1 Tim. 1:11-16.

According to the dispensation of God (Eph. 3:1-3) =

- To ensure the success of the gospel ministry at this time in history, God places His _____ presence inside of every saint – v. 26-27; Jn. 14:16; Rom. 8:10-11; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17-19.

3. The Gospel Ministry is Personal and Active – v. 28-29; Rom. 2:16, 16:25; 2 Tim. 2:8

- God works _____ in those who haven't "moved away" from the hope of the gospel (*which ye have heard*) – v. 23, 28-29; Eph. 2:10; Php. 1:6, 2:13, 4:13.

Presenting _____ man perfect (Rom. 10:15, Eph. 6:15; 2 Tim 3:17) =

Warning, preaching, labouring, striving (Php. 1:15-18; Jude 1:22-23) =

According to _____ working (Matt. 11:29-30; 1 Cor. 3:5-9, 15:10; Acts 8:28-40) =