

Christians on Campus
Fall 2020 Bible Study
The Heart of the Bible
Colossians (2)

Colossians 1:23—2:7

^{1:23}If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, of which I Paul became a minister. ²⁴I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body, which is the church; ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship of God, which was given to me for you, to complete the word of God, ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from the ages and from the generations but now has been manifested to His saints; ²⁷to whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, ²⁸whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man full-grown in Christ; ²⁹for which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

^{2:1}For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those in Laodicea, even all who have not seen my face in the flesh, ²that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ, ³in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden. ⁴This I say that no one may delude you with persuasive speech. ⁵For even though I am absent in the flesh, yet in the spirit I am with you, rejoicing and seeing your order and the solid basis of your faith in Christ. ⁶As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, ⁷having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Questions:

1. Go around and share something you learned or a question you have after listening to the podcast.
2. What does it mean to be a minister? What is the stewardship of God? What does it mean to complete the word of God? What would be missing if Paul didn't complete the revelation in the word of God?
3. In this passage a number of important phrases point to our experience of Christ. Fill out this table and consider why Paul would bring out these matters. What does this show you about Paul's heart for the believers?

Verse	Experience
1:27	
1:28	
2:6	
2:7	

4. What does it mean for Christ to be in us (1:27)? What does it mean for Him to be the hope of glory?