

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **Colossians**

Sermon Title: **Christ is First in Providing the Hope of Glory**

Scripture Passage: **Colossians 1:24-29**

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

1. Paul often loved to talk about his calling to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sometimes he spoke about it when he needed to establish or re-establish his authority and credibility. Such is the case with this passage where Paul is answering the teachings of false teachers and defending his authority as a spokesman for God.

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt you needed to defend your position against false teaching, as a Bible-practicing Christian? Tell us about that.

Observation *Discovering the context*

2. According to the text in 1:24-29, Paul refers to the “mystery hidden for ages...” What is that mystery?
3. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was evident, but how did He work in the lives of people that differ from how He works today? Use scripture to support your response.
4. What is the believer’s hope regarding his or her destination at death? What scripture would you refer to?

5. According to 1 Corinthians 15:52-54, what is the hope of the believer regarding the change in your physical body? When does this change take place?

6. According to Ephesians 1:13-14, who guarantees and seals the promise of your heavenly inheritance?

7. In verse 24, Paul says he rejoices in his suffering for the sake of the believers he was called to preach and minister to. Have you ever rejoiced in suffering for the sake of your call to ministry? What is your call to ministry and how have you answered that call?

Interpretation Discovering the meaning

8. In verses 28-29, Paul makes it clear that his calling is to “proclaim” Jesus and teach about Him to everyone. Some of us may think we get a pass because we don’t consider ourselves as ones who are called to teach God’s Word to others, but what about 2 Timothy 2:2? Is this a command to all believers or just a chosen few?

9. What concerns you the most about the thought of being entrusted with the responsibility to share with others what you have been taught in the Scriptures?

10. You may have heard the statement that “casual Christians can end up casualties.” What must a Christian do to not fall into the category of a casual Christian?

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* (2 Timothy 4:7)

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?