

Worship Guide: June 7, 2020

Colossians 1:24-2:1 "The Mystery in Full Disclosure"

Introduction: (Verses 1-23)

Paul's appeal to the Church.

Purposeful _____ brings joy. (Verse 24)

- 1) Fellowship with Christ includes afflictions.
- 2) Christ's afflictions are lacking for His church, not for salvation.

A _____ from God. (Verses 25-26)

- 1) To present the Word of God in its fullness.
- 2) Disclosed to God's people.

Chosen to disclose the _____. (Verse 27)

- 1) Christ in you: Relationship
- 2) The hope of glory: Co-heirs

A Commission to _____. (Verse 28)

- 1) Wisdom not just knowledge.
- 2) Maturity is displayed (presented) in our new identity.

Contending in His _____. (Verses 29-2:1)

- 1) Effort is required.
- 2) Christ's energy working in us.

Conclusion:

Christ empowers us to endure trials, to fulfill His commission as we walk as the living mystery in full disclosure.

Activities for Kids

- 1) Tell (or ask) your parents what a mystery is.
- 2) As you grow physically, how can you grow in your knowledge of God?
- 3) Draw a picture or write a story of God's help in a difficult situation.
- 4) What is a way in which you can go through difficulties differently this week?

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Questions for Families, Couples, and Friends

Colossians 1:24-2:1

- 1) **(Reflection)** As you think of Paul's appeal to the church (1:1-23) and what he explains in this passage (1:24 – 2:1): How do you understand suffering now? How are you doing in your own call (walk with Christ)? Assess your own spiritual maturity now.

- 2) **(Suffering)** Jesus' sufferings were sufficient for our salvation. How is suffering (pressures of life) being used in your life? Does this passage help you understand the reason and purpose for the suffering of believers? How can that be a source of joy in your life?

- 3) **(The Person of Christ)** How would you explain "The Mystery": Christ in you, the hope of glory?

- 4) **(Maturity)** How are you growing, not only in the knowledge of God but becoming spiritually mature? What are the evidences of such maturity in your life?

- 5) **(Power)** Think of a time in which you tried to do something that you were not able to do. Have you tried to grow spiritually in your own power? How can you apply Paul's example to your source of power (energy) to become spiritually mature?