

Called To Preach

Colossians 1:24–2:5

Intro: Having presented Christ as preeminent in creation, in the church, and in reconciliation (1:15-23); Paul next reviews his ministry to the church (1:24-29), and his ministry to the Colossians (2:1-5).

I. Paul's Ministry To The Church 1:24-29

- A. His sufferings for the Colossians and for Christ (v. 24)
 - 1. His sufferings for the Colossians
 - 2. His sufferings for Christ
- B. His stewardship of the mystery of Christ (vv. 25-29)
 - 1. Paul's stewardship as a minister of the gospel (v. 25)
 - 2. Paul's revelation of the mystery of Christ; which is "*Christ in you the hope of glory*" (vv. 26-27; cf. Eph. 3:3-6)
 - 3. Paul's goal in ministry (vv. 28-29)



II. Paul's Ministry To The Colossians 2:1-5

- A. His struggle on their behalf (vv. 1-4)
- B. His rejoicing over their faith in Christ (v. 5)

Conclusion:

Even though Paul had never met the believers at Colossae and the sister churches in the Lycus River Valley, he wanted them to know that he rejoiced in his sufferings on their behalf (his present Roman imprisonment for example); and rejoiced as he thought about their "discipline and the stability of their faith in Christ" (Col. 2:5). **May this be true of each of us!**

Memory Verse: "*For in Him, Christ, all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form.*"
Colossians 2:9