

# Colossians - Chapter 1

## “How to Accomplish Our Mission Today”

### Colossians 1:27-29

#### Verse 27

1. We now understand “the mystery.” A Gentile can receive divine grace, blessing, and favor through simple faith in Christ, alone.
2. But what does it mean on a practical level to individuals who have placed their faith in Christ?
3. Paul declares that *“the riches of the glory of this mystery [is] Christ in you, the hope of glory.”*
  - Christ takes up residence, personally, in the spirit of each true believer. We receive His very \_\_\_\_\_.
  - *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*

#### Galatians 2:20

- We are brought into an intimate \_\_\_\_\_ and oneness with Christ at the very moment of salvation. Ephesians 5:30-32
4. Our union with Christ ensures our future \_\_\_\_\_. He is our hope of glory. Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 3:4

#### Verse 28

1. The word *“whom”* refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul preached Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:3-5
  - *“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”*

#### 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

2. Notice how Paul preached Christ in a two-fold way:
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ every man” - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Acts 17:31, 24:25; Romans 2:2-6
  - “\_\_\_\_\_ every man” - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-3
3. What was Paul's goal in all of this? Paul said, “*that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*”
  - The word “*perfect*” means “fully \_\_\_\_\_.” Ephesians 4:11-15
4. This verse summarizes very succinctly our \_\_\_\_\_, today.

**Verse 29**

1. This is one of the greatest little verses in the Bible concerning living the Christian life.
2. Paul said he was laboring and striving.
  - The word “*labour*” means “to feel fatigue; to \_\_\_\_\_ hard.”
  - The word “*striving*” means “to struggle; to compete for a prize; to contend with an adversary; to endeavor to accomplish something.”
3. Paul said he labored according to **Christ's** working, which was working **in him** mightily.
  - There was a divine \_\_\_\_\_ at work in Paul, and he was resting in Christ's power to work through him. Ephesians 1:19-20
4. Paul was not out there laboring in his own \_\_\_\_\_ effort, but was relying on the power of Christ at work within him.