

COLOSSIANS: LESSON 3

I. PAUL'S MINISTRY IN THE MYSTERY (1:24-2:7)

- A. Paul rejoices in sufferings for those to whom the mystery has been manifested through the word.
 - 1. For Christ's body – the church's sake
 - 2. The Mystery:
 - a. hidden but now made known
 - b. among the Gentiles
 - c. Christ in you – the hope of glory
- B. Paul labors to present every man perfect in Christ (1:28-29)
 - 1. By proclaiming Christ
 - 2. Through admonition and teaching
 - 3. According to God's power
- C. Paul earnestly desires that all have unity, and the riches of full understanding of the mystery of God (2:1-3)
 - 1. In Christ – all treasures of wisdom and knowledge
- D. Paul encourages all brethren to remain in Christ and not be deluded with persuasiveness of speech (2:4-7)

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why did Paul rejoice in his sufferings?
- 2. The afflictions of Christ that Paul "filled" were:
 - a. afflictions that Christ died too soon to suffer for on the cross.
 - b. afflictions that Christ promised would come upon Paul (Acts 9:16)
 - c. afflictions that come upon one in standing for the cause of Christ.
- 3. Christ's body is the _____.
- 4. Paul regarded his ministry as a _____ of _____.
- 5. The "mystery" is:
 - a. incomprehensible or obscure.
 - b. manifested and known.
- 6. Explain how the mystery is connected with the following:
 - a. the word of God:
 - b. the Gentiles:
 - c. Christ:
 - d. Hope:

7. How “inclusive” was Paul’s ministry?
8. What comfort or encouragement does “love” bring a church?
9. What type of understanding did Paul desire for all his brethren?
10. Can Christ tolerate the idea of making a religion out of the best of all religions?
Why or why not?
11. What was Paul beholding with joy while absent from the Colossians?
12. “As therefore ye _____ Christ Jesus the _____ so
_____ in Him.”
13. Being established in the faith comes through teaching. (T) (F)
14. A Christian should be _____ in thanksgiving. Why?
15. **Summing Up:** From this section of Scripture, write down how every facet of Paul’s ministry is related to Christ: