



Walking in Truth

Session 5: The Work of the Lord.

A weekly Bible study in the Book of Colossians.

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Review:

❖ Colossians 1:24-29

➤ Verse 24: "I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking, in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church..."

- *Rejoice*: in the Greek _____ which means: be glad, be well, to _____. Also means "let the hope of _____ blessedness give you joy".

- Not rejoicing because of the _____, but because of the

_____ of the suffering.

- "And fill up in my flesh what is lacking, in the afflictions of Christ..."
- ◆ The word used for *afflictions* in this verse is never used to describe the _____ of Christ on the _____.

◆ Notes:

◆ "I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church." NLT

◆ "Even now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on your behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking and remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church." Amplified

➤ Verse 25: "Of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God, which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God.

- Became: in the Greek _____ which means: to come into _____, to _____ to be, of _____ being performed or wrought.

- With God, you can _____ something that you were not!
 - What do you want to begin to be? _____.
 - Today, God could begin a _____ in your life!
 - *Minister*: _____, one who executes the commands of another, a _____.
 - Stewardship: the management or administration of another's _____.
 - *Fulfill the word of God*: to _____ preach
 - "(that is, _____ to preach it), of which you will have the greater advantage. The more we fulfil our ministry, or fill up all the parts of it, the greater will be the benefit of the people; they will be the more filled with knowledge, and furnished for service" (BLB).
- Verse 26: "The mystery which has been hidden from ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.
- The Gospel, which was preached to Abraham through the sacrifice of _____, of which Abraham only knew in part, which had been hidden from the generations in _____ is now being openly preached to all the peoples of the earth.

- Revealed: in the Greek _____: to be plainly _____ or known, to make _____ or know by _____ or _____.
- Verse 27: "to them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- Without Christ, there is no _____.
 - Before the crucifixion we had Christ _____; after the crucifixion we have Christ _____!
- Verse 28: Why has He revealed Himself to us? So we will:
- Preach Christ: to announce, _____, to publically make known.
 - Preaching consisted of _____ (of the consequences of sin, of rejecting Christ, of temptations), _____ (a course of instruction) and _____ (finished, mature, complete in integrity and character).
 - _____ will you preach Christ to?
 - _____ will you preach Christ to others?

- Verse 29: "To this end I also labor, striving according to His working, which works in me mightily."
 - Labor: intense effort with _____ and _____, a _____.
 - Strive: to enter a contest, to contend with _____, to _____.
 - Working: The original word means _____ strength.
 - Strength supplied by the _____.
 - The more I am filled with the _____, the more _____ I have to face battle and trials.
 - Mightily: in the Greek _____ which means: power for _____, the power of _____, forces and _____.
 - Have we ever worn ourselves out _____ the Gospel?
 - We can strive for others in Christ only _____ Christ works _____" (BLB).

➤ **Closing:**

- Our service and ministry in Christ will involve _____, trials, battles, _____, satisfaction and _____.
- God always has _____ work for you to do.

- We are to _____, teach, warn and _____ others for Christ.

- I need to be filled with the _____ so I can be _____ to minister to others.

- _____

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