

COLOSSIANS 1:24 – 2:5: Revealing the Mystery

This is what I want for you ...

- * In a world in which _____ is never far away, Paul's hope is that they be _____.
- * _____: _____ in spirit.
- * In _____ = _____.
- * To have complete _____ to understand what Paul describes as the _____ of God.

MYSTERY

- * In the Bible, mystery is a _____ that stays _____ until God _____ it (v26,27).
- * The Jews had _____, knew they needed _____ and that a _____ had been promised, but other than that, it was all a _____ (Romans 16:25-26, Colossians 4:3).
- * But now God has _____ your _____, _____ the _____ and _____ to you _____.
- * For Saul of Tarsus, God literally knocked him off his _____ and while his _____ were blinded, his _____ were dramatically opened.

THREE THINGS WE LEARN HERE ABOUT THE 'MYSTERY'

1. The mystery is _____ (2:2-3)
 - * St Augustine: The _____ is in the _____; the _____ is in the _____."

2. The riches & glory of Christ are for the _____ too (1:27)
 - * The Gentiles were regarded by the religious Jews as _____.
 - * But God loved them as _____ too, with just the same need for _____.
 - * The Jews should have _____, but they didn't. To them it was a _____ (Colossians 3:11, Romans 10:11-13, Ephesians 1:9-10).

3. Christ _____ (1:27)

- * The mystery = The _____ comes to _____ at the moment of salvation.
- * Because Christ is in us, we can _____ have the _____ that we will see the _____ of the King.
- * The Good News: When people _____ the glory of the King, they'll come _____.

PAUL'S MANDATE (1:28-29)

- _____ to present you _____ in Christ.
- * _____: No longer a _____, but an _____ in the faith.
 - * But note that in Paul's contending, the _____ of the _____ is the _____ for service.

APPLICATIONS

1. It must be _____ on _____ if you want it to be free from _____.
2. Don't be _____ the Gospel is a _____ to the _____ (2 Corinthians 4:4).
3. Paul _____ the _____ and _____.