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Today's Message: COLOSSIANS – JESUS: THE GREAT “MYSTERY” – Part 4

Recap of Prior Messages

Outline:

- 1 – The Benefits of the Word Working in Your Life! (Col. 1: 3-12)
- 2 – JESUS: The Great “Mystery” (Col. 1: 13-2:5)
- 3 – Warnings Against False Teaching (Col. 2: 6-23)
- 4 – Consider Your Old Self, and Focus on the New You! (Col. 3:1-4:6)
- 5 – Final Greetings and Instructions (Col. 4: 7-18)

Colossians 1:13 - 2:5 – The message of this section of the book of Colossians is:

1. God has provided everything that you will ever need through Jesus and His anointing.
2. Jesus’ suffering and death were sufficient to pay the price for you to receive this great provision, with no additional sacrifice from you!

This section answers these questions:

- WHY did He send Jesus?
- WHO is Jesus?
- WHAT did Jesus do for us? WHAT does that mean for us?
- HOW does it manifest in us? HOW does it work for us?

Today's Message:

- vss. 21-23
 - *What part of us was “hostile” towards God? (Our “mind” or soul)*
 - Jesus paid the price and reconciled us to God and made us “holy and blameless”!
- vs. 24 – Paul counts it a blessing to be persecuted for the sake of others being taught the Word!
- vs. 25 – He eludes to his calling, which is: “to fully carry out the preaching of the Word of God.”
- vs. 26 – Paul equates the Word to a mystery “which has been hidden from the past ages and generations”.

- vss. 26b and 27 – But now it’s God’s will to reveal the mystery of the Word, which is “Christ in you, the hope of glory”!
 - *What does “Christ in you” mean? (The Anointed One and His anointing inside you, in your spirit.)*
- vs. 28 – *What was the goal of Paul’s preaching?*

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- What does “complete in Christ” mean?

- vs. 29 – “For this purpose ...”

Colossians 2

- vss. 1-2 – *Why did Paul pray earnestly for those churches (believers) that he had not yet visited?*

- Paul equates knowing God’s mystery to _____ !

- vs. 3 – We have _____ in having Jesus Christ on the inside of us!

- *What does that give us access to?*

- vs. 4 – *Why does Paul want to make sure that we get this point about Christ in us?*

- vs. 5 – Paul is complimenting and encouraging the Colossians to exercise _____ and _____.

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