

Journey Church Hawaii  
“IN Christ’: Christ IN You”  
Colossians 1:24 – 2:5  
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- I. A Perspective on Suffering: [Colossians 1:24]
  - A. “Count it all joy” [James 1:2]: Not an emotional reaction, but a deliberate, intelligent appraisal of the situation from God’s Perspective; an opportunity for moral/spiritual growth; character development; stripping away of what is false
  - B. The “Bigger Picture”; keep my eye on the prize, objective, ultimate goal [Heb 12:2; Ro 8:28]
  - C. To Experience Suffering “like Jesus did” is being Christlike [Philippians 3:10-11]
  - D. A joyful disposition allows us to better experience/enjoy the “fullness of God” [John 15:11]
  
- II. A Shepherd’s Heart for Others [Colossians 1:25 – 2:5]
  - A. [1:25,28] Commissioned by God to present the Word of God in its fullest ... so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ [Ephesians 5:25-27]
  - B. [1:29] To this end I “strenuously contend” [1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 4:13]
  - C. [2:2-3] Paul’s Goals
    - 1. Encouraged in Heart & United in Love [1 Corinthians 13:4-8a] = so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding [Ephesians 3:14-21]
    - 2. Have the full riches of complete understanding = they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden ALL the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
  
- III. The Mystery Revealed: “Christ in You, the Hope of Glory” [Colossians 1:27]
  - A. For EVERYONE [Ephesians 3:6]
  - B. IN Christ
    - 1. Relationship Change with God [Romans 8:14-17]
    - 2. New Creation [2 Corinthians 5:17-21] Eternity in Heaven [John 3:16; John 14:1-6]
    - 3. Free to Choose [2 Timothy 1:7]
  - C. “Christ IN You”: a partial list [John 14]
    - 1. No longer orphans [14:17-18]
    - 2. Personal revelation/realization [14:20]
    - 3. A desire to love and obey God [14:23]
    - 4. Think more about the Lord and His Word [14:25]
    - 5. Experience the Peace of God [14:27]
  - D. Inviting Jesus in to my Heart; being IN Christ [TWO keys: James 4:6 & Jeremiah 29:13]
    - 1. believe that He exists [John 1:12-13] and that He loves me [John 3:16]
    - 2. I am not perfect [Romans 3:23]
    - 3. God is Just and Merciful [Romans 6:23]
    - 4. God demonstrates His Love for me [Romans 5:8]
    - 5. What does the Cross mean? [Romans 3:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21]
    - 6. What does the Resurrection mean? [Romans 1:4; 4:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15]
    - 7. How do I invite Jesus into my heart? [Romans 10:9-13]