

Knowing Christ, the Mystery of God
Colossians 1:24-2:5
Key Verse: 2:2

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ...."

1. For what did Paul rejoice? For what was Paul willing to suffer? Why was this suffering necessary? What does the phrase "still lacking" mean? (Ac 9:16; 14:22; 1 Pe 4:13)
2. How did Paul become a servant of the church? (1:25a) What was his commission? (1:25b) Who is privileged to know this mystery? (1:26) Why did God reveal it to them? (1:27)
3. What is this mystery? (1:27b) What does "Christ in you" mean? In what sense is Jesus our hope of glory?
4. What was the focus of Paul's ministry? (1:28) How did he struggle for this? (1:29)
5. Why did Paul want them to know how much he was struggling for them? (2:1--5)
6. How many times is the word "mystery" repeated in this passage? (1:26,27; 2:2) Why did Paul call Christ "the mystery of God"? When we know the mystery of God, what blessings do we receive? (1:27; 2:2,3; Jn 4:14; 6:35; 8:12)