

Colossians: Mystery, Maturity, and Work  
Colossians 1:24-2:5  
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THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL LEADS TO OUR MATURITY AND INVOLVES HARD WORK.

1. THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL (vs. 1:26-27, 2:3)
2. LEADS TO OUR MATURITY (vs. 1:28, 2:5)
3. INVOLVES HARD WORK (vs. 1:24-25, 29-2:1)

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 1:26-27

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Colossians 2:6-23

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. Review the verses before this passage and summarize Paul's message so far.
2. How is Paul suffering for the Colossians?
3. How does Paul regard his sufferings?
4. What is the "mystery that has been kept hidden"?
5. How does it qualify as a mystery if it's been revealed?
6. What is the state of the mystery now?
7. How does knowing this mystery prevent you from being deceived?
8. What is the goal of Paul's preaching according to vs. 28, 2:2-4?
9. How has the Gospel achieved its goal (vs. 28, 2:2-4) in you?
10. What does it mean to be fully mature in Christ?
11. How does Paul describe his work in vs. 19, 2:1?
12. What does it mean to (strenuously) contend and how do you as a Christian do that as well?
13. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?