

In Christ, You are Perfect
Colossians 1:26-29

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I. The hidden mystery. *Colossians 1:26*

The mystery that was hidden refers to the work of Jesus with the plan of the church; to make _____ out of Jewish and Gentile believers alike, by Faith through Grace.

- Prior to the New Testament, all Hebrew children were raised believing a promised _____ would one day come and free them from bondage and then rule and reign over Israel.

II. It is God's will that we have hope. *Colossians 1:27*

"This is the crowning wonder to Paul that God had included the Gentiles in his _____ grace." (Robertson)

- *"This is the Christian's hope of glory. It isn't our own hard work or devotion to God, or the power of our own spirituality. Instead, it is the abiding _____ of Jesus: Christ in you."* (Guzik)

Our **hope of Glory** is a joyful and confident _____ of eternal salvation. ***Romans 5:5***

III. Paul's goal, to present them perfect. *Colossians 1:28-29*

1. There is a stern warning revealed in the Word of God.

If someone is unwilling to accept the free gift of Jesus Christ, there is a warning that sin's penalty must be _____ by someone and it will come due some day.

2. There is also a need for the _____ teaching found within the pages of scripture. ***2 Timothy 3:16-17***
3. Our sermons need to be taught with all _____. ***Proverbs 1:7***

The word "**perfect**" means _____; brought to its end, finished.

- We are forever sanctified positionally because of Christ's shed blood; but you are being sanctified/ _____ practically, daily.
 - a. We are promised _____.
 - b. We are promised _____. ***Acts 1:8***
 - c. We are promised _____. ***Hebrews 10:17***

Where sins are truly forgiven and forgotten, there is no longer a need for an _____ for sin. ***Hebrews 10:18***

IV. Conclusion.

In Christ, we are sanctified and have a perfect standing with God; confirmed by the Holy Spirit living in us and the _____ of God.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read ***Colossians 1:26*** and discuss the meaning of the hidden mystery. *Why was Israel blind to this mystery?* ***Ephesians 1:1-11, Isaiah 61:1-3, Isaiah 53:1-5***
2. God's welcome to the Gentiles is supposed to give us boldness and confidence to approach God (***Ephesians 3:12***). *How confident are you about approaching God?* Explain. ***Hebrews 4:16, Ephesians 6:20, Acts 9:27-29***
3. Read ***Colossians 1:27***. *Why is it God's will that we have hope? What does the word "hope" mean and how do we get Biblical "hope"?* ***Romans 5:5, Romans 15:4, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20***
4. Read ***Colossians 1:28***. *How was Paul using the Word of God to preach and warn these people in Colossae?* Discuss the three aspects of preaching we should remember that were mentioned in point II. of the sermon note sheet. ***Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Proverbs 1:7, Romans 6:8-10***
5. Read ***Hebrews 10:11-17***. Discuss the meaning of the word **perfect** from ***Colossians 1:28***. Rich said in the sermon, *"We are forever sanctified positionally because of Christ's shed blood; but you are being sanctified/ matured practically, daily."* Discuss the three things we are promised as a result of the perfection provided by the cross mentioned in point III. of the sermon note sheet. ***Acts 1:8, Hebrews 8:10, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Hebrews 10:17-18***
6. Discuss the conclusion of the sermon. ***2 Corinthians 3:5-6***