

JESUS >

A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

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JESUS > PURPOSE JESUS IS THE LORD OF YOUR PURPOSE

COLOSSIANS 1:24 - 2:4

HOW TO _____ YOUR _____:

1. _____

2. _____

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1. _____

COLOSSIANS 1:24

2. _____

COLOSSIANS 1:25-27

3. _____

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

4. _____

COLOSSIANS 2:1-3

5. _____

COLOSSIANS 2:4

Fill in the blanks: shepherd, flock, suffer, serve, challenge, encourage, protect

This Study Guide will help you go deeper throughout the week with daily scripture reading and questions for your own personal reflection and application. It is also designed to be used for discussion with your family, friends and Life Group.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING

Day 1	Colossians 1:24-25
Day 2	Colossians 1:26-27
Day 3	Colossians 1:28-29
Day 4	Colossians 2:1-1
Day 5	Colossians 2:4-5

DAILY READING JOURNAL

Whether you are reading Colossians for the first time, or have studied it numerous times, the journals are designed to help you grow in your daily Bible reading. The journal uses the SOAP method, a simple yet powerful tool, to help guide you into deeper understanding and application of the Bible.

OPEN UP

How big a fan are you of mystery books, TV shows or movies?
What's your favorite?

UNDERSTANDING COLOSSIANS

Paul, writing from a Roman jail, was able to see that his current suffering was resulting in good for the Colossians. Paul once persecuted Christians, but is now found offering his life to reach people for Jesus. In verses 1:26-27 Paul talks about the mystery of God. The Greek word translated "mystery" is *mysterion*. Our English word, *mystery*, implies a secret that people have been trying to uncover but have been unable to do so. The Greek word *mysterion* speaks to a deeper meaning--it's something previously unknown but God has disclosed to His people. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, God revealed the mystery of His plan to redeem all people.

PAUL'S LABOR VERSES 1:24-25

Even though he's in prison, how does Paul describe his attitude in verse 24? How does Paul's response to suffering compare to your normal response?

What things empowered Paul to be able to rejoice in prison?

MYSTERY REVEALED VERSES 1:26-29

What is the mystery of God that Paul talks about in these verses (1:27)

Paul does not say “Christ-AND-you” to make us think we have to carry out Jesus’ instructions on our own strength. Rather he says “Christ-IN-you” to assure us that Jesus is the one who has done all the work and it is the Holy Spirit IN us that will sustain us to follow Him every day.

What difference can it make in our daily lives to walk in the reality that Christ is IN you rather than living like it’s Christ AND you?

ENCOURAGED AND UNITED VERSES 2:1-5

What are Paul’s goals in writing to these churches (2:2)?

How could each of these things help them stand up against false teaching?

What is Paul concerned about for the Colossians (2:4)? What is he delighted by(2:5)?

APPLICATION

Write out specific examples of the difference in your life between:

Christ AND you	Christ IN you

CHALLENGE

As you reflect on the sermon, daily readings and our discussion, Who is God calling you to suffer for, labor on behalf of, or encourage in heart? What is God calling you to do for them or with them?