

Colossians “Doctrine, Danger, and Duty!”

One Man’s Ministry!

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Scripture Focus: Colossians 1:21-29



²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Paul’s Labor for the Church

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

The measure of our success in life, and certainly in ministry, is ultimately summarized by one standard in God’s kingdom – faithfulness.

When we are faced with people who doubt our motives or calling, we should give an account of ourselves.

Paul’s Three Ministries

1) Sharing the Gospel. (1:21-23)

2) Suffering for the Gentiles. (1:24-27)

3) Striving for the Saints. (1:28-29)

When the Spirit is at work in our lives, then we can pray mightily in the will of God.

The times when we don’t feel like praying, that’s when we need to pray all the more.

Are you fulfilling your God-given ministry?