

Study Guide

COLOSSIANS

Always. Only. Jesus.

Jesus, Our Treasure | Colossians 1:24-2:5

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. (ESV)

Introduction

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
(Jesus; Matthew 6:21)

Your heart (thoughts, desires, affection) follows whatever you value most (your treasure).

The truth about your treasure is often squeezed out under the pressure of affliction. And despite what you may have heard or wanted to believe, being a faithful Christian does not give you a pass on affliction. In fact, it is most often in affliction when the Christian's true treasure is displayed most gloriously.

The BIG Idea: Always. Only. Treasure Jesus.

Paul rejoiced in suffering to make the Word of God fully known. (1:24-26)

Paul was on a mission to present every person mature in Christ. (1:27-29)

Paul wanted churches to know and cherish the one true treasure. (2:1-5)

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Let's Think About It

Thinking about suffering to make the Word of God fully known:

Why did Paul rejoice in his sufferings?

How can affliction of any kind in our lives create an opportunity for the gospel? How have you seen this in others or experienced it yourself?

Thinking about Paul's mission to present every person mature in Christ:

What is the mystery that has been revealed to the saints (26-27)?

How do warning and teaching work together in proclaiming Christ (28)?

How was Paul energized in affliction to proclaim Christ? Have you seen God's energizing grace at work in a suffering believer? If so, how did that bear witness to Christ?

Thinking about Paul's desire for the church to treasure the one true treasure:

What is the one true treasure?

Why is it so important for our hearts to be "knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ"?

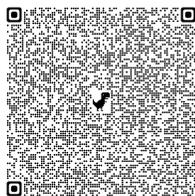
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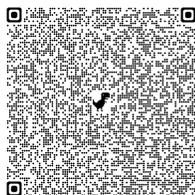
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Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.