

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Christ Lives in You

Colossians 1:24 – 2:5 | **PARTICIPANT GUIDE** (October 25th, 2026)

Key Idea The indwelling presence and power of Jesus Christ will change you.

Key Scripture “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.” — Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

Icebreaker How have you seen someone you know personally change significantly over the years? What do you think contributed most to that change?

Read Colossians 1:24–2:5. Notice what Paul says Christ does in and through His people.

I. CHRIST IS OUR HOPE (1:24–27)

1. What does “Christ in you, the hope of glory” mean, and why was this good news for believers?
2. Compare Peter in John 13:36–38 with Acts 5:40–42. What changed in his response to suffering for Christ?

II. CHRIST IS OUR MESSAGE AND GOAL (1:28)

3. Why does Paul say “He is the one we proclaim,” rather than emphasizing a program or philosophy?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What does becoming “fully mature in Christ” look like in everyday life?

III. CHRIST IS OUR POWER (1:29–2:1)

5. How do Paul’s strenuous effort and Christ’s power working within him fit together?
6. How does Peter’s bold witness in Acts 2:14 and Acts 4:18–20 illustrate God’s power at work?

IV. CHRIST IS OUR WISDOM AND FOUNDATION (2:2–5)

7. According to verses 2–3, why is knowing Christ essential to true wisdom and understanding?
8. What does verse 4 warn against, and how can a firm faith in Christ protect us from convincing but false ideas?

Personal Application

Christ lives in those who belong to Him. What is one specific way you will depend on His power and reflect His character this week?

Prayer

Thank Jesus for the hope of His presence in your life today. Ask Him to grow your faith, transform your character, and empower you to serve others.

Prepare for Next Week

Read Colossians 2:6–23. Notice the call to remain rooted in Christ and the warnings against teachings that draw us away from Him.