

Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I was just laughing and talking with a friend and said of this little section at the end of **Colossians chapter 1** that I would like to expand this hour after hour. I want you to read it. It is a wonderful section.

25 . . . to make the Word of God fully known [among you]

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26 The mystery *-now this is a great secret -* **of which was hidden - held - for ages and generations [from angels and men], but is now revealed to His holy people (the saints).**

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles . . . *- In other words, this is a mystery story. “But,” you say, “what secret was kept until this very time?” Listen to it: . . .* **Christ in you, the hope of glory.** That is, Christ in me, Who is my very life. You see, the union of redeemed men and women and boys and girls with God in Christ form the Church. It is the Church of Jesus Christ of those who have come into His life, of which Christ is the head.

28 Whom we preach. . . It is not what we preach. No. It is all about the Lord Jesus Christ — this great mystery that He is willing to cleanse us and to put us into Himself. It is His indwelling life by

which He gives His Holy Spirit. Christ and Christ only will do the living through us. He will be the life and the ministry. It is all about Jesus that we talk. It does not matter what the conversation is about. Whatever you are talking about, if you love the Lord, it is all about Jesus. He should flow in and out and be lifted up so naturally.

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man - that is every person - in all wisdom; that we may present every person perfect in Christ Jesus.

The word **perfect** means fully developed, growing into maturity of Godliness; not sinless perfection. It is Christ ***we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every person mature . . .*** That is the whole idea of why we are in the Church. It is for one another, to encourage one another in the Word. It is all about Christ, the anointed One. It says in the Amplified: **(28) Him we preach and proclaim, warning and admonishing everyone. . . - I love that.** It is not this idea that we select a few people. No. It is wherever we go. If Christ is in my life, wherever I am according to His plan and will, He will bring the life of those people across my path who I am meant to be ministering to, whom His love is to reach. Therefore, every where. I cannot let them say, "Oh, you are so nice. You are so wonderful. You just look great in that outfit" and let them drift away. It is warning them and instructing them, knowing what lies ahead if they

do not turn to the Lord Jesus. It is so important that we see from this moment it is not - "Please, God, use my life." But, *Thank You, Lord, for what You are going to do. Thank You, Lord, because we want to present every person full grown, fully initiated, complete, perfect in Christ.*

I love the little phrase back in **Ephesians 4: 12** —

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. It has nothing to do with the denomination or the tag over your church. If the center is not of Christ, something is wrong! Somebody said the other day of me, "Well, is she one of us?" My answer was, "Ask if they are one of Him." If we are not one of Christ, if it is not all about Christ, no, I am not one of them. In other words, it is not some particular group with a label over the top. Of course, we have the church where the Lord brings us for a local fellowship to worship and lift up the Lord, and be instructed in the Word, and to encourage each other. But it is all about the Lord Jesus Christ.

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: - and I love it where it says -

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to

deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

And this little verse in Colossians 1 -

29 For this I labor [unto weariness], striving. . . - speaking of God's power - . . . with all the superhuman energy - listen to this - which He so mightily enkindles and works within me.

Are you ready for that? Are you really ready for His superhuman energy to be enkindled and worked through you and that all glory and power goes to Him? This is normal Christian living.

Lord, thank You for what You are going to do. Lord, it is not I that is going to be honored and loved and exalted. It is just going to be You and Your love coming through me. Thank You, dear Lord, that as I enter this day, Jesus will be the One, by His Word, reaching the lives about me.

And oh, all glory to Your Name. Hallelujah!

Amen.