

Teaching Outline

Series: Knowing & Following Jesus
Week 3

Col 1:34 – 2:5 (NLT)

²⁴ I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church.

The _____ and _____ of the people are deeply _____ to Jesus!

²⁵ God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. ²⁶ This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. ²⁷ For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

God _____ in _____!

Christ living in me is what it takes to get me from _____ to _____!

We don't _____ live in full dependence upon His life in us, we _____.

²⁸ So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. ²⁹ That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

This _____ a done deal until we are _____ eternity!

¹ I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally.

² I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself.

Paul knows how desperately we need to be connected "by strong ties of love" _____ we are going to share in Christ's glory!!

³ In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments.

The tried and _____ becomes old and _____.

Once we find _____ we don't need to look any _____ or any _____.

⁵ For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you.

And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong.

The time to become aware of the _____ is prior to falling in the _____!