

# CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY

## COLOSSIANS 1:24-2:5

### CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Colossians 1:24-2:5*

*The Preeminence of Christ*

*24 Now 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, 25 of 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, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To 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. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

*1 For 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, 2 that 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, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. 5 For 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.*

#### ICE BREAKER QUESTION

In the past week, how did you perceive “Christ in you,” and what was the impact of that perception?

#### SERMON RECAP

CHRIST

- The Christian life is the empowered life.

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- The Christian life is the transformed life.
- Jesus died for you 2000 years ago so that He might live in you today.
- The Christian life is impossible without Christ in you.

YOU

- The Christian life is the purposeful life.
- Christ is in YOU for THEM.

THE HOPE

- The Christian life is the secure life.

OF GLORY

- The Christian life is the complete life.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Observation: What does the passage say?**

1. Read Colossians 1:24-2:5 aloud as a group. Let group members share observations. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you read quite yet. Simply share what you observe.
  - For what does Paul rejoice in Colossians 1:24-29?
  - What does Paul suggest offers us encouragement in Colossians 2:1-5?
  - What and who is the mystery that Paul describes?
  - How would you summarize Colossians 1:24-2:5 in your own words?

**Interpretation: What does the passage mean?**

1. The Christian life is the empowered life.
  - How does knowing Christ give power?
2. The Christian life is the transformed life.
  - How does knowing Christ transform lives?
3. The Christian life is the purposeful life.
  - How does knowing Christ give purpose to living?
4. The Christian life is the secure life.
  - How does knowing Christ bring security?
5. The Christian life is the complete life.
  - How does knowing Christ make life complete?

**Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?**

1. Christ created you; Christ sustains you; Christ is in you.
  - How are you fearfully and wonderfully made and how does that empower you?
  - How does Christ provide for you in your daily life?
  - How would others perceive Christ in you, as you walk through life?
  - Where are you in the course of your transformation – are you a little transformed, somewhat transformed, or fully transformed? Give examples.
  - What is the Christian purpose of your life?
  - How can your Church Group support your Christian growth?
2. Christ secures you; Christ completes you; Christ is the Hope of Glory.
  - What specific security does Christ bring to your life?
  - What challenges do you face right now, where having hope in Christ gives you security?
  - How do you share Christ's glory today and what does it mean to you – that you will appear with Him in glory one day?
  - How would you rate your completeness (Christian maturity) with (1) being totally incomplete and (10) being totally complete?
  - How can your Church Group pray to strengthen your living of the empowered, transformed, purposeful, secure, complete life of Christ in you?

**LEADER NOTES**

**CHURCHWIDE PRAYER NIGHT** | Join us at MBC Tysons as we end 21 Days of Prayer with a churchwide prayer night on Saturday, February 22 at 5pm. This will be an opportunity for people from all MBC locations to come together and celebrate all the Lord has done. Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the prayer service!

**21 DAYS OF PRAYER** | Over three weeks, from February 2-22, we are taking extra time to dedicate this year to the Lord. We want to begin 2025 by focusing on Jesus and making ourselves available for whatever He wants to do in and through us. We would love for you to join us! For more information, please visit [mcleanbible.org/21daysofprayer](http://mcleanbible.org/21daysofprayer).