

The Purpose of Paul's Ministry (1:28-2:5)

The purpose of Paul's ministry is to present people _____.

²⁸ *He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.* ²⁹ *To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.* ^{2:1} *I want you to know how hard I am contending you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.*

The purpose of Paul's ministry is so people can have a _____.

² *My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,* ³ *in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* ⁴ *I tell you this so that no one may deceive, you by fine-sounding arguments.* ⁵ *For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.*

Practical Response to the Preaching about Christ (2:6-7)

We are to _____ because we have united the Lord Jesus to our lives.

⁶ *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him . . .*

Like branches, we are to live _____ in Him.

⁷ *rooted . . . in him . . .*

As our foundation, we are to _____ our lives on Him.

⁷ *. . . and built up in him . . .*

We are to receive _____ from others in order to be _____ in the faith.

⁷ *. . . strengthened in the faith as you were taught . . .*

We are flourish with _____ God.

⁷ *. . . and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Living Under the Lordship of Christ

Colossians 1:24-2:7

^{1:24} Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—

²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.

²⁷ 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.

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The Essence of Paul's Ministry (1:24-27)

Paul's ministry is one of _____.

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