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Colossians 1:24-29

Paul's ministry to the church

- 1) His ministry was carried out in the atmosphere of suffering. v. 24

- 2) His ministry centered on the faithful preaching of the Word of God. v. 25

- 3) His ministry was to announce a mystery to the people of God. v. 26-27

- 4) His ministry was to challenge the saints to maturity in Christ. v. 28

- 5) His ministry was carried out with intense effort on his part. v. 29

Concluding statements

1. Paul's ministry was carried out in an atmosphere of suffering.
2. We need to ask ourselves the question, what are we willing to endure in order to reach others for Christ?

3. Genuine ministry centers on a faithful proclamation of the Word of God.
4. The church which began in Acts 2 is responsible to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20).
5. Both Jews and Gentiles are fellow heirs and equal in the Body of Christ, the Church.
6. Jesus Christ is in the believer and He (Jesus) is the hope of glory.
7. The Bible is the standard to confront and to instruct the believer toward the goal of maturity in Christ.
8. Paul demonstrated his dedication to the Lord by exerting every effort for the cause of Christ. How do we manifest our dedication to the Lord?

Questions for discussion

1. Have you ever experienced any suffering or persecution because of your faithful witness for the Lord? What did that look like?
2. Have there ever been any times when you were ashamed of the Gospel of Christ and failed to witness? Explain? (See Romans 1:16)
3. How can having our ministry center around the faithful proclamation of the Word of God help us deal with false teaching?
4. How can having our ministry center around the faithful proclamation of the Word help us to make progress toward maturity in Christ?
5. How do we manifest our dedication to the Lord? What efforts do you make on a regular basis to reach people for Christ?