

“A Labor of Love”

Colossians 1:24-27

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Introduction:

1. The _____ of the Ministry.

“if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. 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.” (Col. 1:23, 25-27)

“Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me.” (1 Cor 9:16-17)

2. The _____ of the Ministry.

“Now I rejoice in what was suffered 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.” (Col 1:24)

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Heb 12:2-3)

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“because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.” (Phil. 2:30)

“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him.” (Phil 1:29)

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:3-5a)

1 Peter 4: 12-14, James 1: 2-4, Acts 5:41

4. The _____ of the Ministry.

“We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom.” (Col 1:28a)

5. The _____ of the Ministry.

“so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.” (Col 1:28b)

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.” (Eph 4:11-13)

6. The _____ of the Ministry.

“To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.” (Col 1:29)

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.” (1 Cor 15:10)

Conclusion.