

The Full Riches of Knowing Christ

Colossians 1:24-2:5

**Rejoice to suffer for Christ(ians)
and accept your commission to:**

Fully communicate the Word of God

To make known the glorious riches of Christ

Communicate Christ with all wisdom

To present everyone fully mature in Christ

Struggle for others in all Christ's power

To fully understand Christ

**So we are not deceived
but firm in faith**

²⁴ 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.

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 saints.
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.

²⁸ We proclaim him,
admonishing and teaching everyone
with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

²⁹ To this end I labor,
struggling with all his energy,
which so powerfully works in me.

¹ I want you to know how much I am struggling for you
and for those at Laodicea,
and for all who have not met me personally.

² My purpose 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 orderly you are
and how firm your faith in Christ is.

