

Making Christ Known

Colossians 1:24-29

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.

The Cost of Making Christ Known (v. 24)

"I rejoice in my **sufferings** ... filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions ..."

Christ suffered to _____ redemption; the church now suffers to _____ redemption.

Christ's cross is enough to save the world; what remains is not a missing _____, but a living _____.

A _____ witness is often the very means God uses to spread a _____ gospel.

The Stewardship of Making Christ Known (v. 25-28)

"the **stewardship** of God that was given to me for you ..."

"... the **mystery** hidden for ages and generations but now **revealed** to his saints."

"Him we **proclaim** ... that we may present everyone ..."

"Him we proclaim, **warning** everyone and **teaching** everyone with all wisdom."

We have been entrusted with the responsibility to make Christ fully _____ until people are fully _____ in Him.

The Power to Make Christ Known (v. 29)

"I toil ... with **his energy** that he powerfully works within me"

Not _____ ("God will do it")

Not _____ ("I can do it")

The effort is real, and the power is divine. The work is ours, but the strength is His. We labor hard because God is at work in us.

If Christ is worth _____, then He is worth our _____.

Conclusion

The Christ who was crucified to save sinners is still being proclaimed through suffering saints, and He is worthy of every cost required to make Him known.