

IT'S ALL ABOUT
JESUS

A Study of Colossians

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“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, 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, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints...

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“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. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me...

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“For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...”

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“I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.”

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OUR CALLING

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Philippians 2:25-30

“I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow...

Philippians 2:25-30

“I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.”¹³⁻¹⁴

2 Corinthians 5:18–21

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation...

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2 Corinthians 5:18–21

“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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AMBASSADORS OF JESUS

**v24-26, Phil 2:25-30, 2 Cor 5:18-21
John 17:16, Acts 1:8, Galatians 2:20,
Ephesians 6:20, 1 Thessalonians 2:4**

GOD'S EMPOWERMENT

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“Sharing the Gospel is like walking around in a thunderstorm and handing out lightning rods. You don’t know when the lightning is going to strike or who it will strike, but you know what it’s going to strike—the lightning rod of the Gospel. And when it does, that person’s lightning rod is going to be charged with the power of God and he or she will believe.” -Donald Whitney

GOD'S EMPOWERMENT

**v27-29, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:11; 26-27,
1 Corinthians 15:10, Phil 2:13; 4:13,
2 Timothy 1:7, 2 Peter 1:3,
Ephesians 6:10**

James 5:17-18

“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”

1 Kings 17:1; 18:41-45

JESUS' GLORY

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Romans 15:8-9

“For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, ‘Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.’”

JESUS' GLORY

**v1-5, Rom 4:20-21; 15:8-9,
2 Cor 4:13-15, Phil 1:9-11,
2 Thess 1:11-12, 1 Peter 4:10-11**

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