

Colossians 1:24—2:5

Series: Colossians: Maturing as a Jesus-Follower
“*The Mystery of Christ in Paul and His Ministry*”

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Introduction:

How does this week’s passage connect to last week’s passage (Colossians 1:21-23)?

Paul’s Ministry Goal:

What does Paul say is his *goal* in ministry (1:28)?

What’s the trouble with translating the word *teleion*?

Based on our reading of Paul, what kind of definition could we use to explain what it means to be *fully mature in Christ*?

Specifically, for Paul, growing in Christ means finding our new identity:

- 1) In his _____
- 2) In his _____
- 3) In his _____

1. Finding Our New Identity in Christ’s Suffering:

What is so *baffling* for theologians about v. 24?

How can we make sense of what Paul is saying here?

2. Finding Our New Identity in Christ’s Strength:

Where does Paul believe his (and our) energy comes from (v. 29)?

3. Finding Our New Identity in Christ’s Security:

What were the prototypical *first century values* sought after in the Roman world and how does Paul address them?

Paul implies that a great measure of Christian maturity can be measured by what (2:5)?

“*That which is true of Christ Jesus is also true of his people*”

- N.T. Wright -