**COLOSSIANS: THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH**

Colossians 1:24-29

1) What is Paul’s attitude toward suffering?

2) What is Paul’s current suffering at the writing of this letter?

3) To whom did Paul’s sufferings benefit?

4) What does it mean when Paul says his sufferings are filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions?

5) In verse 23, Paul is a minister of the gospel. What is Paul a minister of in verse 25?

6) What is true about Paul’s ministry according to Colossians 1:1, 25?

7) Paul says the stewardship “was given to me for you.” Who is you?

8) According to the context, what is the great mystery that has been revealed to the saints?

9) What is another mystery that Paul revealed to the church in his epistles?

10) According to verse 27, what is the great riches of glory?

11) How does Christ in us translate to hope? (Ephesians 1:13-14)

12) According to verse 28, what is Paul’s goal of ministry?

13) Paul’s center of preaching is on what topic? (1 Corinthians 2:1-2)

14) How does Paul fulfill this ministry according to verse 29?

15) What do you see as a connection between his prayer in 9-14 and his ministry in 28-29?

16) [personal] Does my view of suffering coincide with Paul’s? If not, how am I going to change?

17) Do I view verses 28-29 as stewardships to me from the Lord? What must I do now with this truth?