

LESSON 8: COLOSSIANS 1:26-2:7

Paul's Interest in the Colossians For next week!

1. Why was the word of God a “mystery hidden for ages and generations” (v. 26)? Who has revealed that which was hidden? Is the word still a mystery, who continues to reveal it, and what is your part?
2. Paul speaks of his life's desire in verses 28-29. What is Paul's work? Examine the sequence of the verbs. Is it your desire to present every person mature in Christ? How hard does Paul work and who is it that inspires him? Where do you go when you are tired, stressed, at the end-of-your-rope?
3. Paul speaks of “how great a struggle” he has for the saints in Colossae and Laodicea (2:1), yet he has never seen them. How has he been exerting himself for them? Can you exert yourself for someone else in the same way?
4. What does Paul hope will be accomplished through his toil (2:2-3)? What do you hope will be accomplished through your toil? Why is it important to you that “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” are hidden in Christ (v. 2:3)?
5. What does Paul mean by “plausible arguments” (v. 4)? What are some “plausible arguments” you may have heard lately?
6. What does it mean to you to be “rooted and built up in him,” “established in the faith,” and “abounding in thanksgiving” (v. 2:7)? Notice the sequence of the verbs rooted and built up, established, abounding!