

► **Outline**

Today's message is based on **Colossians 1:24-29**.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

Colossians 1:6 (NLT)

A. What is God's calling for me?
(Acts 9:1-18)

1. _____ in suffering for Christ.
(Colossians 1:24. C/R: Acts 5:41)

2. _____ His message.
(Colossians 1:25. C/R: Ephesians 2:11-12)

B. Goals to proclaim God's message:

1. _____ the message to everyone.
(Colossians 1:26-27)

2. _____ from God's wisdom.
(Colossians 1:28)

3. _____ on Christ's power.
(Colossians 1:29)

Answers: A. 1. Participate 2. Proclaim B. 1. Reveal 2. Teach 3. Depend

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you received really good news.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 1:24-29](#).

1. What enabled Paul to persevere and even rejoice in the midst of his sufferings ([vs. 24-26](#))? See also: [2 Corinthians 4:7-18](#); [2 Timothy 2:1-10](#).
2. Paul says *the secret* (also translated *mystery*) of the gospel is that *Christ lives in you* ([vs. 27](#)). Why would that have been such good news to the Colossian believers? What does this truth mean to you?
3. What do you think Paul means when he says *We want to present them to God perfect in their relationship to Christ* ([vs. 28b](#))? What is he trying to get us to understand?
4. What does it look like to *work and struggle so hard* and at the same time *depend on Christ's mighty power* ([vs. 29](#))? What would it look like in your life if you were living this out?
5. Why does talking about Jesus seem so unnatural for many believers?
6. What fears or struggles are keeping you from sharing your faith? What truths about God can you meditate upon to overcome those fears?
7. What are some non-threatening, helpful ways you might turn conversations with non-believing friends and family to spiritual things?

8. What does [1 Thessalonians 2:7-8](#) teach us about sharing the gospel?
9. How can your brokenness and vulnerability (and how God intervened) be a gift to someone else?
10. In your own words, what does it mean to *share the gospel*?

No matter how much of God's grace we've known, we forever remain dependent on its continuing flow. – Gerald May

Soul Training

Think of two people in your life who do not know Jesus. How can you pray for each of them specifically? How might God be working in their lives? Ask God to give you wisdom as you consider inviting them to church, a Bible study or engage them in spiritual conversation.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Colossians 1:24-29](#)

Day 4: [2 Timothy 2:1-10](#)

Day 2: [Acts 20:18-24](#)

Day 5: [1 John 1:1-3](#)

Day 3: [2 Corinthians 4:7-18](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 8, we'll continue our series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 2:1-10](#).

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

