

# COLOSSIANS

CHRIST OVER ALL

### Well Done! Colossians 1:24 - 2:5



<sup>24</sup>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,



<sup>25</sup>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,



<sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.



<sup>27</sup>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.



<sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.



<sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.



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,



<sup>2</sup>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,



<sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.



41 say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.



<sup>5</sup>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.



## Being a Faithful Follower Involves... Suffering, Struggling, Strengthening



## 1: Being a Faithful Follower Involves Suffering (1:24-25)



<sup>18</sup>"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.



<sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.



<sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.



<sup>21</sup>But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.



#### 2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus <u>will</u> be persecuted,



## 2: Being a Faithful Follower Involves Struggling (1:25-29)



#### Ephesians 4:13 (ESV)

of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,



## 3: Being a Faithful Follower Involves Strengthening (2:1-5)

