

The Goal of Ministry – Part 2 (Colossians 1:26-27)

Four characteristics of a New Testament _____

1. It is _____ revelation
2. It was _____ from past generations
3. It has now been _____ to _____ believers
4. The truth and timing of the revelation was by the plan of _____

Four descriptions of this particular mystery (1 Cor. 4:1-2)

1. It brings glorious (spiritual) _____
2. It has to do primarily with the _____
3. Content of the mystery: _____ in _____ (Eph. 3:1-9)
 - Gentiles are fellow-_____
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 - Gentiles are fellow-_____ of God's _____
The revolutionary revelation (Eph. 2:13-19)
4. Fruit of the mystery: the _____ of _____ (Col. 3:4)

Big Ideas

1. *Christ in you*
 - _____ in me (vv. 13-23)
 - Christ _____ me (1 Cor. 6:19; Gal. 2:20)
 - Christ in _____
 - An important part of our _____
 2. The ministry – as Paul sees it
 - It is a _____ from _____ – *How can I know?*
 - 1) It is _____ – from the _____
 - 2) It is a _____
 - 3) It is a _____
 - _____ the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
Including the _____ of God – mystery of the _____
- Application today:*

Discussion Questions: Colossians 1:26-27

1. Can you think of examples from your personal experience where you have seen *the mystery of the church* at work (or *not* at work)?
2. How is *Christ in you* a part of the gospel message? Or is it?
What are some Scriptures that inform us?
3. Can you think of any passages where Paul indicates or suggests that the ministry (from God) is a privilege?
4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?