

COLOSSIANS: THE MYSTERY

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- ▶ What is the significance of Christ being “in you” and this “hope of glory”? (Go deeper with 1 Cor. 1:30, John 17:21-26)

II. THE MYSTERY: WHO GETS IT?

- ▶ From vs. 27, 3:11, and Eph. 3:4-6, who is this mystery for? Think about each of these groups. Why was this so scandalous to the Jews?
- ▶ Was there ever a time where you considered yourself less qualified than others to have this hope? Do you struggle with it now?
- ▶ Is there any type of person where your heart subtly think they don't deserve this as much as you (think background, race, political views, etc)?

III. THE MYSTERY: WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

- ▶ What difference does Christ in us make in the midst of our **suffering** (see Vs. 24; Rom. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:16-17)?
- ▶ What difference does Christ in us make in **how we relate to others** (see 1:28-2:2; 3:8-14)?
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