

Embracing the glory of salvation

Colossians 1:24-27

- I. Cost: We will pay a price to serve the gospel of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:24-25).
 - A. Persecution – Paul willingly suffered for the sake of the Church because Christ suffered on the cross (1:24).
 - What sacrifices do you sense God wants you to make for the gospel?
 - B. Privilege – God entrusted Paul to fulfill God’s saving purposes for His word (1:25).
 - How are you serving the purposes of God’s word and his salvation through Christ?
- II. Benefit: We are privileged to know and tell the glory of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:26-27)
 - A. The mystery – Paul’s job was to communicate to believers the “new thing” of the church that God kept hidden in Old Testament times (1:26).
 - B. The glory – The mystery was that Gentile and Jewish believers equally experience the glorious indwelling presence of Christ (1:27; Ephesians 3:1-7).
 - What do you know that your unbelieving friends need to know about the gospel?
 - Are you experiencing the privilege of Christ living in you?
 - Are you focused on your future, eternal privileges or just earthly desires?