

CHRIST IN YOU

THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THE MYSTERY

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”

~ Colossians 1:27

1. A Glorious Mystery

- a. When the preaching is done, there is a glorious message of Christ that remains untold.
- b. Christ on earth – The glory of incarnation - John 1:1,14
- c. Christ is risen – The glory of resurrection - John 17:1-5 (1 Cor 15:43, Phi 2:9-11)
- d. Christ in you – The glory of this mystery - Col 1:27 → see it in Col 1:19-20, 2:9
- e. God wants us to know the glory of this mystery. What does ‘Christ in you’ mean?

2. Christ is God

- a. *“in you”* does not refer to memories (like grandpa), but Christ in every member.
- b. This is a proof that Jesus is God, because he is omnipresent, omniscient - 1 Cor 12:12
- c. You are the temple of God, he dwells in you - 1 Cor 3:16

3. You are His

- a. The seal of the Spirit marks that you are His - Eph 1:13
- b. We are saved because Christ is in us (a mystery fellowship) - 1 Cor 6:15, 17, 20
- c. You are His by the Spirit of Christ - Rom 8:9

4. He Lives in You

- a. If Christ be in you, the body is dead... but the Spirit is life - Rom 8:10-11
- b. “Nevertheless, I live...” it is his life in us - Gal 2:20, 2 Tim 2:8
- c. Without Christ in us, we are reprobates (rejected) - 2 Cor 13:5, but now Eph 1:6

5. Hope in You

- a. *“the hope of glory”* - You shall appear with him in glory - Col 1:27, Col 3:1-4
- b. You have inheritance with Christ - Rom 8:16-18 (Eph 3:6, Gal 4:7)
- c. Suffering will be followed with glory → Hopeful verses – Rom 8:2 Tim 2:11-14

6. He Works in You

- a. The work of God in us is to conform us to the image of Christ - Rom 8:28-29
- b. We do not work to get to heaven or work to prepare for heaven – he does the work.
- c. God works in you through Christ - Phi 1:6,20, 2:2,5,13, 3:21, 4:7
- d. We see fruit because of Him - Phi 1:11, Rom 7:4, Col 1:4-6
- e. When we rest, receive, walk under the Head - He gives the increase - Col 2:19
- f. We can know his love, filled with God, through his work in us - Col 2:3, Eph 3:16-21
- g. All this is done by Christ in you which is by faith - Eph 2:8-10, 3:17