

Introduction:

Today we will continue looking at *Who Christ Is and What He Has Accomplished*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: Paul's Ministry and Message.

Paul's Ministry and Message:

01. What was Paul willing to do for the sake of Christ and His church?

02. How is a ministry that makes maximum impact carried out?

03. What did Christ's declaration from the Cross tell us?

04. What is the outcome if we are unwilling to suffer for the gospel?

05. What was Paul under divine obligation to do?

06. What is the “mystery” that Paul refers to?

07. What does Paul mean when he uses the word “perfect”?

Article 1) Five Aspects of the Maturity of Believers:

I want their hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love, so that they may have all the riches of complete understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery—Christ. In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable. For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ.
—**Colossians 2:2-5**

(1) That they might be encouraged (or strengthened) in their hearts (Colossians 2:2).

(2) That they might be joined together (or united) in love (Colossians 2:2).

(3) That they would understand the mystery he had spoken about earlier (Colossians 2:2–3; 1:26–27).

(4) That they would be prepared to recognize and resist deception (Colossians 2:4).

(5) That their faith would be stable in Christ (Colossians 2:5).

08. What is the goal of our ministry?

09. How is preaching the gospel and maturing believers carried out?

10. What do we discover when we feel we have no strength to continue the hard work of the ministry?
