

SURPRISED BY PURPOSE



COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

I. Paul lets the church know that Christ had given him a purpose (Colossians 1:24-25**).**



- **How can we fill up what was lacking in the suffering of Christ?**
- **What stewardship has been given to us to make the word fully known?**
- **What have we been doing to make the word of God more fully known?**

II. The age-long mystery is absolutely filled with purpose (Colossians 1:26-27).



- **What does 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' reveal to your life?**
- **How is 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' enriching the lives of 'potential brethren?'**
- **What does this passage tell us about the Christian's purpose?**

III. Our purpose involves maturing others by proclaiming Christ (1:28).



- **How does our being close to Jesus motivate us to call others to Him? (John 1:35-42)**
- **What happens to the people who are close to Jesus? (Mark 3:13-15)**
- **Why does our purpose continue on even after people are brought to Jesus? (Colossians 1:28)**

IV. We struggle and work with all His powerful energy (**Colossians 1:29**).

- Who would describe your life as one of toiling and struggling for Christ?
- Why is 'getting saved' not a biblical purpose for the Christian life?
- How can we allow Christ to more powerfully work through us? (**Romans 2:4**)



Call to Action: To be motivated by and loyal to our purpose in Christ.



- **How are you doing with the stewardship that God has given you?**
- **How are you motivated by the understanding of Christ living in and through you?**
- **What are you doing to help move others on to maturity in Christ?**
- **How are you going to struggle and toil for Christ this week?**
- **How are you being the kindness of God?**

-How can we help?