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SUNDAY SERMON CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.

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Text: Colossians 1:24-29

[24]I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,
[25]of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,
[26]the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.
[27]To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
[28]Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.
[29]To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Apostle Paul was talking to the Colossians church that he fill his body with some afflictions that were lacking in the suffering of Christ for thier sake - The responsibility of a steward.

That is why he became a minister according to the stewardship for God.

What iis stewardship?

Stewardship is the rank or office of a steward, and who is a steward? A steward is a person who manages the property or affairs for another entity, to give account to the owner of the property. We are all stewards as Christians and we will give accounts of all we do to Jesu Christ, the head of the Church.

Verse 29 says, as we preach the gospel of Christ, we are to prepare every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Is the church or Pastors preparing every man perfect in Christ Jesus today?

If we prepare every man perfect in Christ, our nation and the world would have been better than this.

Our topic is 'Christ in you, the hope of glory'.

What does Christ in You, the Hope of Glory Means?

It means:

You Have the Hope of His Presence.

One of the real hopes of glory and the displays of God's goodness is the promise of his presence.

Having Christ in you, means you have expectations for this life.

There should be in every believer an expectation of experiencing God's goodness in this life. The mistake we make sometimes is, we interpret God's goodness to mean that everything in life will always be good or feel good.

Life is about perspective.

When life hits you, it is possible to feel as if God has deserted you or abandoned you. This can be especially true when facing a tragic situation or a loss of life. When these things happen, the light of the hope of glory can grow dim and even start to fade. However, your hope can be renewed because of the promise of his presence.



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When you remember your God is ever present in every situation, this creates hope in you.

God does not sit outside your circumstances; he walks with you through them. He doesn't leave you to fend for yourself but carries you through them, He never leaving or forsaking you.

It does not matter where you go or how bad it appears; he is with you. He has promised never to leave you, which is part of your hope of glory.

* Christ in You, the Hope of Glory Means Your Hope Extends Beyond this world.

1 Corinthians 15:19

[19] If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

Apostle Paul said, if is only here on earth you have hope in Christ and no hope of Him when you die, you are the most pitiable.

This is because the hope in Christ extends beyond the grave which is the most important.

* You can imagine what it takes to be a Christian in this world. * The sacrifices it requires.

* The denial of your flesh and the submission to God's will.

* Add to that the reality of suffering and trials which happen because you carry the name of Christ.

With what we endure, and if the hope of glory only lasted for this life, then Paul was right that we should be pitied above all other people.

Another fact about Christ in you, the hope of glory is, that hope is not limited to time and space. It is not temporary hope, causing you to live a life of surrender now with eternal benefit later.

MAY GOD HELP US