

Paul's Labor for the Church - Colossians 1:24-2:5

Topics: Body, Church, Encouragement, Glory, God, Hope, Jesus Christ, Joy, Serving, Suffering, Teaching, Unity, Wisdom

Open It

1. When was the last time you had a good physical workout?
- * 2. How do you feel after strenuous physical exercise?

Explore It

3. Why did Paul rejoice? (1:24)
- * 4. What did Paul do for the sake of the church? (1:24)
5. What commission did God give Paul? (1:25)
6. To what mystery did Paul refer? (1:26)
7. To whom had God chosen to make known a mystery? (1:27)
8. How did Paul help believers become spiritually mature? (1:28-29)
- * 9. What kind of effort did Paul expend in preaching and teaching? (1:29)
10. What did Paul want his audience to know? (2:1)
11. What was Paul's stated purpose? (2:2-3)
12. What is hidden in Christ? (2:3)
- * 13. How would a commitment to the full knowledge of Christ protect the Colossians? (2:4)
14. How was Paul unified with the church at Colosse? (2:4)
15. What delighted Paul? (2:5)

Get It

16. Paul had never met the Colossian Christians; how could he have suffered for them?
17. How is suffering an essential part of the Christian life?
- * 18. Why did Paul work so hard for the Colossians?
19. What results did Paul expect from his work for the sake of the gospel?
20. What can you do for the church of Christ?
- * 21. When have you become tired because of your work for the kingdom of God?
22. What makes a church encouraged and united?
23. What "fine-sounding arguments" draw some Christians away from the faith?
24. What can we do to grow in our understanding of Christ?
25. What can you do to grow in your understanding of Christ?

Apply It

- * 26. What kind of "spiritual workout" would increase your stamina for the Christian journey ahead this week?
27. How can you learn more about Christ this week?