



Colossians

Bible Study Notes

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Lesson 6

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“Precious Mystery”

Colossians 1:24-29, Ephesians 1:18, 3:1-3:7

1. Read Galatians 3:7-9. Who does Paul emphasize are sons of Abraham? What does Paul show that Scripture foresaw? Knowing this, what light does that shed on God’s character in salvation?
2. Read Romans 10:11-13. What promise do we have from Scripture? Is this a mere profession with the lips? What is not a distinction made in the body of Christ?
3. Read Galatians 2:7-9. What did the apostles see Paul was entrusted with? What was Peter’s role? What is the source of both Peter and Paul’s ministry call?
4. Read Titus 1:5-9. What are these qualifications for? Why would someone in that position need those qualifications? Were those in that position set apart as “super Christians”? Why or why not?
5. Read Titus 2:1-5. Paul continues to give instruction on how believers should live. Starting in verse 2, he is specifically speaking to women. Compare the list here with the list in Titus 1. What similarities do you see? What differences? Reading through these lists, Paul makes it pretty clear that these characteristics are not of “super Christians” but of mature believers, firm in the faith. Looking at the list in chapter 2, what areas might you see as a weakness in yourself? What might be a strength? Where will you go from here with that knowledge?

Reading through the entire Bible, we can see that God had always intended for a way to be made for Gentiles to be grafted in to the body of Christ. Reading Jesus’ genealogy, we see the names of five women, and all of those women have “checkered pasts” ranging from pagan origins to sinful manipulations.

The Gospel is for everyone to hear, although not all who hear will receive it. Knowing that we are now brought in to this precious heritage that God established with His covenant people,

how then should we walk? We need to remember that God has given us characteristics that we should be striving toward as we work with the Holy Spirit to root out the sin in our lives. Those characteristics are not the mark of only “special” Christians, but should be marks of true believers who are growing in sanctification.

Today, as you spend time in prayer, ask God to reveal to you where you are taking His grace for granted or assuming you are not required to grow. Ask Him to help break down those justifications and to help you to grow, stronger and more steadfast, in Him, with His help. Remember, you are not doing this on your own; the Holy Spirit points you to Christ and convicts you of your sin so you can repent.

Ask God to help you to have a soft heart for His Spirit to work in, to help you to grow in grace and knowledge of your Lord and Savior.