

# JESUS FIRST

## #5 Christ in You

*Colossians 1:24-29*

***Colossians 1:24*** Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

### PREEMINENCE PRINCIPLE #5:

Putting Jesus First means living in hope because Christ is in me.

### MYSTERIES REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- The Birth of the Church *Ephesians 1:9*
- The Gentiles Brought into Unity with Jesus *Ephesians 3:6*
- The Blindness of Israel *Romans 11:25*
- The Concept of the Kingdom *Matthew 13*
- The Bride of Christ *Ephesians 5:32*
- The Rapture of the Church *1 Corinthians 15:57*
- The Plan of Satan/Mystery of Iniquity *2 Thessalonians 2:7*
- Mystery of Babylon *Revelation 17*

### The Mystery of Christ in You – Three Elements

1. The revelation of Jesus Christ **INCARNATE** – Jesus becoming Human
2. Jesus now **LIVES IN US** through the Holy Spirit
3. Jesus is the **SOURCE OF HOPE**

### An Astounding Thought – Jesus Christ Lives in Me

***John 14:16*** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you... <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you... <sup>23</sup>If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

### What are some implications of “Christ in me, the Hope of Glory?”

1. Jesus living in me helps me **OVERCOME SIN** to put Jesus First  
***James 4:7-8*** submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you...  
***Romans 8:2*** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.
2. Jesus living in me helps me **LIVE HOLY** to put Jesus First  
***Galatians 2:20*** I have been crucified with Christ...  
***Romans 6: 4-7*** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death...
3. Jesus living in me helps me **OVERCOME GUILT** to put Jesus First  
***Romans 8:1*** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
***Romans 5:1*** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Jesus living in me fills me with a **DEEP SENSE OF JOY AND CONFIDENCE** to put Jesus First  
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### FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is the church?
2. Verse 27 says “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” What does it mean to have Christ in you?
3. Paul says in verse 28: “Him we proclaim”, or that Jesus is the one we talk about. With whom do you think God wants you to talk about Jesus?

### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 22    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Isaiah 26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Isaiah 23    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Isaiah 27   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Isaiah 24   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Isaiah 28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Isaiah 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 29   |

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