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4. He suffered for them, for the sake of the gospel proclamation to the Gentiles.

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Colossians 1:28-29

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Colossians 1:3

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How does Paul encourage them?

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By writing to them about who Jesus is,
salvation, and eternal life.

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How do you encourage one another?

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Increasing in the knowledge of Christ and what He has done to bring salvation is always a wonderful source of encouragement and strength for the believer.

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Encouragement is not just something that the Apostle Paul did, all believers are commanded to encourage one another.

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Why?

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Because life is hard. If we don't encourage each other, who will?

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1 Thessalonians 5:11

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

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Hebrews 3:13-14

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

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Romans 12:4-10

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No matter who the Romans were before they were saved, they were now part of the body of Christ, and they were to have genuine love for one another.

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Those who love God love fellow Christians.

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We should strive to express our love towards one another more openly and more frequently.

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1 John 4:7-8

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1 John 4:19-21

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The love of God and the love of fellow believers will be present in the life of every believer. Both are the result of being born again.

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What is the full assurance that Paul speaks of here that he desires them to attain?

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The more you understand who it is that has saved you, the more the assurance of your salvation will increase.

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To not rest in such assurance is to not enjoy the riches of salvation that should be enjoyed.

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What mystery is Paul talking about?

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Colossians 1:25-27

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Ephesians 3:1-11

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Galatians 3:7-9

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What is the key to understanding the mystery of God?

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Genesis 3:15

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

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Galatians 4:4-5

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

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Type:

a person, object, action, or event that God uses to partially reveal information about the coming Messiah

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Genesis 3:21

“And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.”

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John 1:29

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

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2 Corinthians 5:21

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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Luke 24:44-49

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Don't be a poor Christian. Enjoy the riches of the assurance of salvation that Christ has accomplished on your behalf.

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Series: Colossians

Sermon: Colossians 2:1-5

1. In Colossians 2:2, Paul writes that a primary purpose of his letter was to encourage the believers. Paul encouraged believers often (see Acts 14:21-23), but what about himself, was he beyond needing encouragement and love from fellow Christians? Read Romans 1:12 and Phil 4:10-13. What do these passages reveal about Paul?

If Paul needed the encouragement of other believers, what does that say about us?

2. Paul writes the Colossians and Laodiceans (Col. 2:1). Years later God gives John a message for Laodicea that was not as positive as the letter they received from Paul (Rev. 3:14-22). Do the Laodiceans seem to be enjoying the riches of Christ mentioned in Col. 2:3 or the riches of the world? See Rev 3:17. _____ Do you think that some, none, or much of modern American Christianity could fall into the same category as the Laodiceans

who were finding comfort in earthly riches instead of the riches of Christ? Explain.

3. Ministering to other Christians is not always easy. In fact, Paul uses the words “toil” and “struggle” to describe his efforts, however, he did not let the hard work stop him. Have you ever been surprised by the level of work, toil, and struggle that is involved in loving and ministering to fellow Christians?

4. Would the Passover event of Exodus 12:1-13 be considered a type? How so? See 1 Cor. 5:7.

5. Can you think of examples of other types in the Old Testament that pointed to the Person and work of Jesus Christ?

6. Can you think of some Old Testament prophecies that were mysterious at the time, yet revealed through the Person and work of Christ?
