

Colossians 1:23-26 (Preeminent In Reconciliation, Suffering In Service And Fulfilling The Word)

Introduction:

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Preeminent in Reconciliation (1: 23)

- “if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast”
 - (see Heb. 3:6; Heb. 3:14; Eph. 3:17)
- “and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard”
 - (see Phil. 1:6, John 10:27-30; 1 Pet. 1:5; Gal. 5:5; 1 John 2:19)
- “which was preached to every creature under heaven”
 - (see Col. 1:6)
- “of which I, Paul, became a minister”
 - (see Eph. 3:7-8; 1 Tim. 1:12)

Christ, The Hope of Glory (1:24-29):

Suffering in Service (1:24):

- “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you”
 - (see Eph. 3:13; Phil. 2:17)
- “and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ”
 - (see 2 Cor. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:8)
- “for the sake of His body, which is the church”
 - (see 2 Tim. 2:10)

Fulfilling the Word (1:25-26):

- “of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God”
 - (see Eph. 3:2)

- “which was given to me for you”
 - (see Gal. 2:7)

- “to fulfill the word of God”
 - (see Acts 20:20, 27)

- “the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations”
 - (see Eph. 3:3-4)

- “but now has been revealed to His saints”
 - (see Eph. 3:5)

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