

## **Colossians 1:26-29 (NLT)**

<sup>26</sup> This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people.

<sup>27</sup> For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

<sup>28</sup> So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.

29 That's why I work and struggle so hard,  
depending on Christ's mighty power that  
works within me.

**We PROCLAIM Him**

**Colossians 1:24-29**

<sup>22</sup> But now **He has Reconciled** you by **Christ's physical body through death** to present you **HOLY in His sight**, without **blemish** and **free from accusation**... (NIV)

<sup>23</sup>...This is the **gospel that you heard** and **that has been proclaimed** to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have **become a servant.** (NIV)

When believers suffer,  
Christ **ALSO** suffers  
because **He indwells us.**

Constable



<sup>24</sup> I am glad **when I suffer for you** in my body, for **I am participating in the sufferings of Christ** that **continue for His body, the church.** (NLT)

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the **hardships we suffered** in the province of Asia. We were **under great pressure**, far beyond our ability to endure, **so that we despaired even of life.** <sup>9</sup> Indeed, in our hearts we felt **the sentence of death...**

<sup>9</sup>...But this happened that we might  
**NOT rely on ourselves BUT**  
**on God, who raises the dead.**

<sup>9</sup> ...But as a result, we **STOPPED Relying**  
**on ourselves** and **Learned to rely**  
**ONLY on God**, who raises the dead. (NLT)

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

Keep your lives **FREE** from the **Love** of **money** and **be CONTENT** with what you have, because **God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.**

For the Lord my Shepherd –  
Leads me, leads me  
**And He is ALL I Need –**  
In the darkest valley  
I know, I know –  
**My Shepherd is ALL I need**

**Christ is willing** to **DWELL**  
within a **Gentile heart.**

MacDonald

Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

There is **NEITHER Jew** nor **Greek**,  
**slave** nor **free**, **male** nor **female**,  
for you are **ALL ONE** in **Christ Jesus**.



Paul tells us the **Truth** about  
faithfulness in ministry. **It involves  
suffering. It's aim is maturity.**  
And it is **a lot of hard work.** HNTC

<sup>28</sup> So, naturally, **we proclaim Christ!** We **Warn everyone** we meet, and **we Teach everyone** we can, **ALL that we know about Him, SO THAT,** if possible, we may bring every man **up to his full maturity IN Christ Jesus.** <sup>29</sup> This is what I am working at all the time, with all the strength that God gives me. (JBP)

<sup>28</sup> **We proclaim HIM**, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, SO THAT we may **present everyone Mature in Christ.**

(CSV)

1 Peter 1:23–2:3 (NIV)

For you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the **Living and Enduring WORD** of God.

<sup>24</sup> For, **All men are like grass**, and all  
their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
**the grass withers** and the **flowers fall**,  
<sup>25</sup> but the **WORD of the Lord**  
**stands forever...**

... <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, **crave pure spiritual milk**, so that **by it** you may **Grow Up in your salvation**, <sup>3</sup> now that you have **tasted that the Lord is good.**