2 October Colossians 1:24-29

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The mystery

Paul is happy to endure suffering for the Colossians' sake. He is a labourer of the church of God and teaches the believers so that they may grow in faith (vv24-25).

God had commanded Paul to complete the word of God by what he calls "a mystery". It was not previously known to people, but is now being revealed to the Christians (vv25-27).

The apostle Paul fights for the spiritual wellbeing of the believers. It is his aim to "present every man perfect in Christ", i.e. to guide him to grow into adulthood in faith (vv28-29).

5. What is the content of the mystery of which Paul writes here?
   - And what does this mean for you personally?

The church is in the New Testament described as the body of Christ (see verse 24). The Lord Jesus is the head in heaven and all true believers all around the globe are His body.
Although there are many different churches, fellowships and Christian groups – before God there is only one church. To it belong all true believers who are one day going to praise and worship God in heaven together – for what He has done through His Son Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary.

Does Christ live in you? If so, remember it today – in everything you think, say or do!

5. The Lord Jesus Christ lives in each believer. He has given each believer the hope of the glory with God.