

Sunday, September 6, 2020—Colossians 1:27-29 Presenting Every Man Perfect

### Colossians 1:27

- **To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**
- **To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles**—verse 27 is building off the end of verse 26.
- Verse 26 ended with the following statement, “but now is made manifest to his saints.” So, “the mystery” which had been “hid from ages and from generation” has now been “made manifest to his saints.” The “saints” i.e., the members of the body of Christ now have the ability to know “the mystery” because it has been made known.
  - Colossians 1:2, 4, 12
- Verse 27 provides further elaboration on verse 26. Who is the “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles” to in verse 27? In the context it would be the “saints” of verse 26. This would mean that the “saints” of verse 26 would include “gentiles” in verse 27. This ought to settle the question of whether “saints” are Jewish believers living during the kingdom era. Paul calls “gentile” believers’ “saints” that unto “whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles.”
- What is “the riches of the glory of this mystery?” It is “Christ in you, the hope of glory:” God the Father is revealing and manifesting his Son today in the lives of believers.
  - Galatians 1:15-16—God chose Paul to reveal His Son in Paul. Notice that is tied to Paul preaching Christ among he heathen i.e., the Gentiles.
  - Romans 8:8-10—Christ is in each and every believer.
  - I Corinthians 3:16
  - II Corinthians 6:16
  - Galatians 2:20
  - Galatians 4:19
  - II Corinthians 4:10-11
- Colossians 1:27—the revelation of “the mystery” is not just some esoteric, pie in the sky, theological concept. It is related to the very purpose of our lives as we wait for our blessed hope. God’s purpose today during the dispensation of grace is to manifest his Son in and through us the members of the body Christ to lost and dying world.

- Ephesians 3:10-11—the eternal purpose not only includes the macro level dispensational things but God desire to manifest Christ in his saints.
- Colossians 1:27—our hope of glory is Christ.
  - I Timothy 1:1
  - Colossians 3:4

### Colossians 1:28

- **Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**
- **Whom we preach**—who is it that Paul is preaching in verse 28? It is Christ in verse 27. How is Paul preaching Christ in this context?
  - Romans 16:25—according to the revelation of the mystery. Therefore, Paul had an everyman ministry.
  - Colossians 1:23—Paul preached his gospel to “every creature under heaven.”
- **Warning every man**—deals with warning people of the judgement to come on account of their sin.
  - Romans 1:16-18: 3:9—the first thing Paul does in explaining the gospel of Christ is warn humanity that they are all under sin.
  - Ephesians 2:1-3
- **Teaching every man in all wisdom**—this is the second part of Paul’s preaching. This teaching is done in accordance with sound doctrine and the “wisdom of God in a mystery.”
  - I Corinthians 2:7-8
  - Ephesians 3:9-11
  - I Timothy 2:4
- **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**—here we see the purpose and the intent of Paul’s preaching. The verb translated “may present” is in the subjunctive mood. Paul’s goal is to present “every man perfect” or mature in Christ Jesus. This the goal that Paul is laboring to accomplish as verse 29 makes clear.