

Message Notes & Thoughts

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The Hope of Glory

Message Outline ...

Colossians 1:24-29

1. Remember Who You Are (V. 26)

- A. Don't Lose sight of who you were but...

- B. Live from who you are. (SAINT)

2. Realize Your Potential in Christ (V. 27)

(You have potential in Christ because you have the power of Christ in you!)

- A. Spiritual Gifts
1 Corinthians 12

- B. Every Spiritual Blessing
Eph 1:3-6

3. Rely on the Power of Christ (Vv. 28-29)

HIS=Holy Spirit in Saints

- A. We have HIS wisdom.
- B. We have HIS energy.
- C. We are on HIS mission.

Conclusion: What does God want to do through you this year?

Quote From Frederick Buechner:

There are all different kinds of voices calling you to all different kinds of work, and the problem is to find out which is the voice of God rather than of Society, say, or the Super-ego, or Self-Interest. By and large a good rule for finding out is this. The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done. If you really get a kick out of your work, you've presumably met requirement (a), but if your work is writing TV deodorant commercials, the chances are you've missed requirement (b). On the other hand, if your work is being a doctor in a leper colony, you have probably met requirement (b), but if most of the time you're bored and depressed by it, the chances are you have not only bypassed (a) but probably aren't helping your patients much either. Neither the hair shirt nor the soft berth will do. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

(Vocation) IT COMES FROM the Latin vocare, to call, and means the work a man is called to by God.

Questions for Growth ...

1. How is Paul suffering? Why does He rejoice in His sufferings? What perspective would we need, to rejoice like him, when we suffer or face setbacks? (V 24)
2. How should a believer discover where God wants him or her to serve? What are you passionate about in terms of your Christian life?
3. Practically, how can we gain a deeper sense of Christ's indwelling presence and of the hope of glory? During the next eleven (11) months, how do you desire to grow deeper, fuller, and more complete in your daily walk with Christ? Be specific.
4. What was the most meaningful lesson for you as listened to this message?
5. If you are not yet serving or discipling another believer, and would like for ways to begin that process, contact us soon. "My greatest prayer for this year is ..."

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