



Week 5: Fully Mature

Sunday, November 20th, 2022

† Paul has had a lot to say (*and why we care!*)

† We are in Christ, Christ is in us, and Jesus is what we have to say!
Colossians 1:28a, 1 Corinthians 13:9-10

† Admonishing and teaching
Colossians 1:28b, Ephesians 4:11-16

† Everyone means everyone!
Colossians 1:28

† With all wisdom
Colossians 1:28b, 1 Corinthians 1:22-24,30

† Fully mature
Colossians 1:28c, Philippians 3:7-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:23

† Jesus is our source
Colossians 1:29, 1 Corinthians 15:10

Questions for reflection and discussion

- We have completed Colossians chapter 1! Take some time to read through the entire chapter, and highlight/journal/share the most significant teachings and truths that have spoken to you.
- In verse 28 Paul says that “Christ is the one we proclaim.” Is this something only reserved for pastors, missionaries, and trained teachers? What does it look like for you to ‘proclaim Christ’ in your ongoing, daily life? What are some things that ‘Christian culture’ proclaims that might not be ‘proclaiming Christ?’
- Why is it important for us, as disciples of Jesus, to be continually learning and open to being ‘admonished and taught’? Can you think of a time when God used another person- or your own personal study of scripture- to grow or even change your understanding about a scriptural/spiritual truth?
- Paul says we need to be taught and admonished ‘with all wisdom.’ In 1 Corinthians 1:30 we are told “Christ has become for us wisdom from God.” How is Christ our ultimate source of wisdom? What is an example of ‘wisdom’ God gives as we consider the life, words, character and nature of Jesus?
- Read Colossians 1:29 and 1 Corinthians 15:10. Describe and discuss what it means- what it looks like- for you to experience Christ’s power (energy and presence) working in you? Can you describe a time in your life when this was your experience? What may be the different outcomes between when we work really hard only in our own strength and wisdom, and when we work very hard but out of faith, trust, and the presence of Christ’s energy within us?

We will return to Colossians in January 2023!
