



So Weird!

the book of Colossians

Background

- Written by Paul ≈ 30 years after death of Jesus
- An Epistle (Letter) to the Church in Colossae- Church planted by Epaphras
- Parallels to the Book of Philemon- likely delivered together
- We are called with a purpose... to be weird!

Colossians 1:24

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... Huh?

James 1:2-4

² Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you **face trials of many kinds**, ³ because you know that the **testing of your faith produces perseverance**. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete**, not lacking anything.

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... another translation maybe?

Colossians 1:24

24 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)

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Colossians 1:25-26

²⁵I have become *its* servant by the **commission God gave me** to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the **mystery** that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.

Colossians 1:27-28

27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:28-29

28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone **fully mature in Christ**. **29** To this end I **strenuously contend** with all the energy **Christ** so powerfully **works in me**.

Colossians 2:1

¹ I want you to know how hard I am **contending** for you and for those at Laodicea, and **for all** who have not met me personally.

Colossians 2:2-3

2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:4-5

4 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by **fine-sounding arguments**. 5 For though I am absent from you in body, I am **present with you in spirit** and **delight** to see how disciplined you are and how firm your **faith in Christ** is.

So What?

- **Pray for the church**
- **Pray for non-believers**
- **Prioritize the Gospel and be Steadfast**
- **Hallelujah Anyway- Don't stop sharing!**



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2 Corinthians 9:7

