

JESUS CHRIST OUR TREASURE

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Colossians 1:28-29; 2:1-5-NIV

28 We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

29 To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

2:1 I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.

2 My purpose 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.

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 orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Paul says that he “*labors*” (*kopiao*), “*struggling*” (*agonizomai*) with all His energy.

- Labor - To feel fatigue, to labor with wearisome effort.

Struggling – to strive, endeavor to accomplish something...

Passion - to labor with a tireless intensity, with His power flowing through me, ...

Ephesians 3:20-Passion

Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

Paul's purpose: “to present everyone perfect in Christ”.

Passion – v-28...*to present to every believer the revelation of being his perfect one in Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 10:14-NKJV

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Paul also states that he teaches “with all wisdom”.

Passion – v-28-We preach to awaken hearts and *bring every person into the full understanding of truth*.

1Peter 1: 6-7-NKJV

...though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

*that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, **may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ...***

2:2... *My purpose 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, ...*

Passion - ...For our spiritual wealth is in him, like hidden treasure waiting to be discovered—heaven’s wisdom and endless riches of revelation knowledge.

...so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.