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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Mystery Revealed—Christ in You July 13, 2025

Summary

In this message, Pastor Dale unpacks the powerful mystery of Colossians 1:27—“Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Like the Dead Sea Scrolls brought into the light, God’s truth is no longer hidden, but lives in us through Jesus. This truth isn’t just informational—it’s transformational, reshaping how we think, feel and live. Spiritual maturity means allowing Christ to form us from the inside out, and that growth occurs best in community. Like a tandem skydive, we’re invited to trust Jesus and grow together.

Scripture

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. 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.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me... 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. 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, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. 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. Colossians 1:24–2:5

Let’s Start

Like Marcia learned to skydive in tandem, is there something you learned to do in tandem?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let’s Talk

1. What stood out to you most from this message about the “mystery revealed”?
2. How does the image of medicine illustration help you understand the gospel as more than information?
3. Pastor Dale shared an acronym for Spirit-led renewal—THINK:

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H – Hear God’s Voice in His Word

I – Interrupt Negativity with Truth

N – Nourish Your Mind with Gospel Inputs

K – Keep Practicing the Presence of Christ

Which of these do you most need to focus on right now? Why?

4. In what ways have you seen spiritual growth happen more effectively in community rather than alone?
5. Who has been a spiritual mentor or “tandem partner” in your walk with Christ? How did they influence you?
6. What’s one thought pattern or inner dialogue you need Christ to transform?
7. How can our group help each other mature in Christ—practically and spiritually—in the season ahead?

Let’s Act

Set aside 5–10 minutes each day to intentionally walk through the THINK acronym:

- T – Take Every Thought Captive: Start by writing down a recurring negative or unhelpful thought.
- H – Hear God’s Voice: Read one verse of Scripture that speaks truth into that area.
- I – Interrupt Negativity: Replace the negative thought with the truth of that verse.
- N – Nourish Your Mind: Listen to a Christ-centered song or read something uplifting (a devotional, article, etc.).
- K – Keep Practicing: Pause once more during the day to breathe and remember: *Christ is in me. I am not alone.*
