

Review

The Hermeneutical Process

- Step 1: _____
- Step 2: _____
- Step 3: _____
- Step 4: _____
- Step 5: _____
- Step 6: _____

Lesson 1+2

- What kind of letter is this? _____
- Who wrote this letter? _____
- Who is this letter for? _____
- What is the theme so far? “Because of who Jesus Christ _____ and because of what he _____, it is the eternal _____ of God that in everything Jesus Christ might have the _____.” -Dr. Roy

Colossians 1:24-2:3

Paul, Christ, and Suffering

- **Colossians 1:24** – “*Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church*”...
- “For as we share abundantly in _____, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.” - 2 Corinthians 1:5
- We are filling up or _____ the work of suffering for the Gospel.
- Paul is the _____ of suffering well for the sake of the Gospel.

Paul's Objective of Ministry

- **Colossians 1:25-27** - “*...of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great*

among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

- Paul's suffering is _____ the church as a part of his ministry according to the _____ of God.
- The mystery revealed is _____, the hope of glory.
- The doctrine of Christ dwelling within us: _____ With Christ.

The Hope of Glory

- **Colossians 2:1-3** – *"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*
- The Hope of Glory is both a _____ of the mystery and a _____ of the mystery.
- The goal of the church's mission is _____ for all believers.
- In him we find _____, knowledge, _____, and peace.

Application

- Our suffering has deep, profound purpose, producing _____ in us and in others, because of _____.
- Cruciformity: The act of taking on the shape of the _____.
- When we suffer well, we become an _____ and display of Christ's _____.
- "God's perfect _____, will always play out _____ as he intends."
- This is God's eternal purpose in your suffering, in your struggling in your toil, to reveal Christ's supremacy, which is the hope of Glory.