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A study in the book of Colossians

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Step One: Read the Word.

"In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

Read Colossians 1:15-29. Remember to pray before you read God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to open the scripture to your understanding.

Circle any key words and underline phrases that stick out to you. Use the column to the right to jot down any notes, scripture references, or questions you might have. You can use the "Bible Study Aids" in the introduction and background to Lesson One to gain more understanding of the passage of scripture.

<p>Colossians 1:15-29 Christian Standard Bible</p> <p>The Centrality of Christ</p> <p>¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.</p> <p>¹⁶ For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or ruler or authorities- All things have been created through him</p>	
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and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things,
and by him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is also the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have
first place in everything.

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have
all his fullness dwell in him,

²⁰ and through him to reconcile
everything to himself,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace
through his blood, shed on the cross.^[a]

²¹ Once you were alienated and hostile in your
minds as expressed in your evil actions. ²² But
now he has reconciled you by his physical body
through his death, to present you holy,
faultless, and blameless before him— ²³ if
indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in
the faith and are not shifted away from the
hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel
has been proclaimed in all creation under
heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

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²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant, according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me.

Step 2. Consider the Word.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

Re-read Colossians 1:15-29 and answer the questions below.

1. What do verses 15 - 20 say about who Jesus is?
 - a. He is the _____ of the invisible God (verse 15). For God was pleased to have all his _____ dwell in Him. (verse 19)

How does this relate to Hebrews 1:3? (See also John 10:30)

- b. For everything was created by _____ in heaven and on earth... (verse 16). What does John 1:3 say about Jesus?

- c. He is _____ all things, and by _____ all things hold together. (verse 17). What does Hebrews 1:3 say about how Jesus holds all things together?

d. He is also the head of the body, the _____, the firstborn from the dead (verse 18). (See also Ephesians 1:22-23)

2. What does verse 20 say Jesus does for us and how?

3. What was our condition before we were saved? (verse 21). What is the result of being reconciled to God through Jesus' death? (verse 22)

4. How did Paul view his sufferings for the gospel? (verse 24 -25)

5. What is the glorious wealth of the mystery of the Gospel? (verse 27).

6. What power did Paul rely on to carry the message of the Gospel? (v.29)

Memory Verse: God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (v.27)

Write the memory verse down below:

Step 3. Walk in the Word.

“So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him.”

1. Look again at Colossians 1: 15-29.
 - a. Which of these descriptions of Jesus comforts you the most? Which are you relying on the most right now?

- b. What do these descriptions tell you about who you are “in Christ”? Why is this “our hope of glory?” (verse 26)

- c. Why is it important to understand who Jesus is and what He has done for us in order to believe who we are in Him?

- d. Look at verse 29. Paul mentions several times in his letters to the churches how his circumstances were overwhelming his own strength to endure (see 2 Corinthians 1:8, Phil 4:1-23). How could Paul’s reliance on Christ’s strength help you when you are overwhelmed by your own circumstances? What does this say about the faithfulness of God when we rely on God?

Write the memory verse below:

God wanted to make known among the _____ the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is

Christ in _____, the hope of _____. (v.27)

What lesson or truth meant the most to you this week?

Journal a prayer below, thanking God for that truth.

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