

EQUATIONS

LIFEgroups

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Driving Passion

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Context

Colossians gives us a concise, but comprehensive view of who Jesus is. And with this, an understanding of how the truth of who He is can profoundly impact our personal lives. This New Testament book shows us that he's the supreme factor in every equation of life.

It's always helpful to read an entire book of scripture before digging into each chapter and verse. If you haven't yet, it would be good to read all of Colossians before beginning this week's study.

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Questions for Study

1. Do you believe you can ever become successful at something without a high level of dedication or commitment? Why or why not?
2. Can you identify something you really worked hard at in order to achieve a high level of success? What motivated you to that commitment? How was that different from other things you dabbled in?
3. Compare Paul's words regarding sharing in Christ's afflictions with Jesus' words in John 15:18-20 and Matthew 5:10-12, as well as what you find in Acts 9:1-16 and 1 Peter 4:12-16. Summarize what you learn from these texts.
4. Read Colossians 1:25-27. Write down everything you learn from these verses. Write down the questions these verses create for you that you can talk over with your LIFEgroup?
5. What was Paul's driving passion to see happen in the lives of the people he's serving?
6. How committed was he to this?
7. How do the first five verses of chapter two add insight to what Paul wrote in verse 28 of chapter one?
8. How should this influence what's important for us to do for each other?