



**GATEWAY**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Who is Jesus?  
And Why Does it Matter?*  
**Colossians 1:25-29**  
Phil & Colton 10/9/16

**Colossians 1:25 (NLT)** *God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you.*

**Expository** Sermon takes a passage of Scripture and teaches the main points from that passage of Scripture.

**Textual** Sermon is one that usually takes One verse and uses that verse to be the main point.

**Topical** Sermon focuses on a topic and then uses various passages and verses to explain and teach on that topic.

*A Mystery Revealed:*

**The great news of this mystery is for everyone!**

The answer to the mystery is this: Christ didn't just die for you; He rose again so he could live in and through you.

Colossians 1:26-27

**Is Christ actually ruling in my life?**

Ephesians 3:16-17

Key word: *Dwell* = Permanent housing, not temporary

Christ can rule in our lives when we trust in the power of Christ to live through us, when we surrender to the Lordship of Christ in us and when we yield to the leading of the Spirit within us.

Ephesians 3:20

**Challenge:** What garbage is getting in the way of Christ **RULING** in your hearts? Partner with the power of the Christ to remove it.

*Ideas to help* ⇨ **ENGAGE:** *Read the Bible Daily, Memorize and Meditate on Scripture, Join a Group, Pray, pray, pray!*

We help make the invisible image of God VISIBLE by our lifestyle witness!

Christ is IN you with purpose.

**Colossians 1:28-29 (NIV)** *We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.*

Jesus comes in to you, so you can carry out his *mission*.

**God's Secret Revealed-** Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

Next Week: Colossians 2:1-10 *Christ and Philosophy*

## Who is Jesus- God's Secret

**October's Memory Verse** – *For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.* **Colossians 1:27 (NLT)**

### Monday 10/10- Read Colossians 1:24-29

**Question:** What is the Mystery of God that has been keep secret?

**Truth:** *Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.* Vs. 27

**Meditate:** Colossians 1:28- *So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.*

**Prayer:** Father God, I am so thankful that you have assured my hope through Jesus. I will share this blessing with others.

**Action:** *That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.* Vs. 29

What does God want **me** to do:

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### Tuesday 10/11- Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-26

**Question:** *If they were all one part, where would the body be?* Vs. 19

**Truth:** *As it is, there are many parts, but one body.* Vs. 20

**Meditate:** 1 Corinthians 12:26 – *If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*

**Prayer:** Father God, Help me to understand my part in connecting people to you.

**Action:** Accept my part in connecting people to God

What God is teaching me:

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### Wednesday 10/12- Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

**Question:** What happens to the body when a part stops working as God designed it to work?

**Truth:** *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. - when One part suffers we all suffer.*

**Meditate:** 1 Corinthians 12:28- *And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.*

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help me to use the gifts the Spirit has given me to Glorify your Name.

**Action:** Do my part in connecting people to you.

What God is telling me:

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### Thursday 10/13- Read Matthew 28:19-20

**Question:** What last command did Jesus give for his church?

**Truth:** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,*

**Meditate:** Galatians 5:22-23- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness...*

**Prayer:** Lord God, there is great joy in yielding to the Spirit and loving others.

**Action:** Make disciples by Connecting People to God.

What God is telling me:

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### Friday 10/14- Read Ephesians 3:14-21

**Question:** What kind of prayers can I pray for Gateway that will really make a positive difference?

**Truth:** *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

**Meditate:** Ephesians 3:20- *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,*

**Prayer:** *And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,*

**Action:** Pray to God about my friends and Tell my friends about God.

Who will I invite to church:

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## **Life Group Outline- Who is Jesus, Why does it matter?**

### **Fellowship and Praises-**

Take **20-30 minutes** to share what God has been doing in own lives this last week.

Bible verse memorization: *For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.*  
Colossians 1:27 (NLT)

### **Bible Study Exercise: Read Colossians 1:25-29**

How do you feel about our *Hope is assured* in Christ living in us and it is not based on what we do?

Why is it important to let Jesus rule in every part of my life?

How do I go about partnering with Christ to remove any garbage from my life and live a life worthy of my Lord?

### **Read Ephesians 3:16-20**

How is God's love and power working in me?

How is God's power working through me to bless others?

Spend some time coordinating our groups efforts to make Trunk or Treat a success.

### **Prayer Time- include prayers for the Ladies Retreat and Gateway's Trunk or Treat**

### **Going Deeper: Read Romans 10:1-21**

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Vs. 17*

**Real Application:** Jesus *comes in* to you, so you can *carry out* his mission.