



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, May 3, 2026

Colossians 1:24-2:5 – Toiling & Struggling

Paul states that he suffered, toiled, struggled, and strenuously contended for the sake of the Colossians. The question for us to consider is what motivated Paul to keep doing what he was doing.

Our toil and struggle are to:

- Present everyone fully mature in Christ
- Encourage everyone in heart
- Unite everyone in love
- Enrich everyone in complete understanding

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by being disciplined in conduct and firm in faith.

My beloved brothers & sisters, may you be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor (toil) is not in vain. May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (1 Corinthians 15:58, 2 Corinthians 9:8)

Discussion Questions:

- What does Paul mean when he uses the word “mystery” to refer to God’s revelation?
- How does Paul describe his efforts on behalf of the Colossians? Are you motivated to keep doing what you are doing on behalf of others?
- Why and how should we be motivated to toil and struggle for the sake of others?
- What does it mean to present everyone fully mature in Christ?
- How can we encourage everyone in heart?
- What does it look like to unite everyone in love?
- How should we enrich ourselves and others in complete understanding of the Lord and his will?
- How can we be disciplined in conduct and firm in faith?