

Series: Colossians, # 3

Mystery Revealed

Colossians 1:24-2:15

Most of us who are believers in Jesus consider the Bible to be God's revelation to us; that is, it reveals who He is, why He created us, what He intends for our eternity, and how He wants us to live until then.

So perhaps it mystifies us a bit, to read in Colossians that "God kept a mystery hidden for ages and generations." 1:26 It seems fair to ask: why would He do that? It aligns with our experience reading the Old Testament > so many things are vague, seem hard to understand, we struggle to piece together the prophecies... if we are honest, we're often thinking, could God not have made this more plain to us?

What are the obvious responses of those who have seen the mystery revealed in the person and sacrificial death of Jesus?

1) Dig, investigate, discover – Col. 2:3

2) Grow, become fully mature in Christ – Col. 1:28, 2:5-7

3) Resist the enemy, go to battle against the one who does not want you to know Christ more deeply – Col. 2:8, 10, 15

Prayer: write out a commitment to seek to know Jesus on a deeper level, and specify practical steps you will take to begin/continue that journey...

For next week, study Col. 2:16 – 3:17