

# Servant Hood

## Colossians 1:21-28

### LG Questions for 02/01/09

#### Getting into the Bible

1) Read Colossians 1:24. What was Paul trying to communicate? Consider this quote on the matter: **“We should bear in mind that although Christ by means of the afflictions which he endured rendered *complete* satisfaction to God, so that Paul is able to glory in nothing but the cross (Ga 6:14), *the enemies of Christ were not satisfied!* They hated Jesus with insatiable hatred, and wanted to add to his afflictions. But since he is no longer physically present on earth, their arrows, which are meant especially for him, strike his followers. It is in that sense that all true believers are in his stead supplying what, as the enemies see it, is lacking in the afflictions which Jesus endured. Christ’s afflictions overflow toward us.”** In what ways do we as modern day Christians relate to this issue? Supportive Passages: **Mt 10:25; Mk 13:13; Jn 15:18-21**. Are we willing to not only share in the afflictions of Christ, but are we willing to suffer gladly for our brethren? Explain.

2) Read Colossians 1:25-27. How did Paul view himself? See Phil. 1:1 & Eph. 3:6-7. The word servant or minister used here means: an *attendant*, a *waiter* (at table or in other menial duties); specifically a Christian *teacher* and *pastor*. What does this verse have to say to you if you choose to spread the word of truth as a servant? What was revealed to the saints? What is the mystery? What is this “mystery”? To paraphrase Paul: “It is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Do we consider ourselves “servants”? We should! **Mk 10:42-45**. Do we serve one another? We should! **Ga 5:13**. Do we consider ourselves “stewards” of the gospel?

3) Read Colossians 1:28-29. Does this describe you? Do you:

- ***Proclaim Him***
- ***Admonish & Teach with all wisdom***
- ***Present those you teach as perfect in Christ***
- ***Labor and struggle with all energy***
- ***Have powerful works in you***

Spend time praying for one another in areas you desire to grow.