



Sunday, August 21, 2022

† My story, your story?

† Something was missing...

† The Mystery
Colossians 2:2, Colossians 1:27

† Paul's letter to the Colossians...

† Colossians: setting the stage

- *The author:*
- *When and where Colossians was written:*
- *The audience:*
- *The purpose and occasion:*

† Colossians: central themes

- *'Essentialness' of the community of faith- 1:1-2*
- *Inaugurated eschatology- 3:1*
- *The believers identity and freedom in Christ- 2:6-7, 9-10*
- *Failure of religious and moral regulations- 2:20-23*
- *The new self- 3:9-10*
- *For the sake of the gospel- 4:5-6*
- *The pre-imminence of Christ- 1:15-20*

† The miraculous contrast!

An incomplete picture

The fullness of Christ

Certainty of doctrine

The riches of the mystery of Christ

Personal faith

The community of faith

National faith identity

Faith identity tied to the church

Sin awareness

Christ awareness

Religious rules

Power of the new-self and new-identity

*We will be with Jesus when
we die and go to heaven*

*We have already been raised
and we are in union with Jesus right now!*

What will be

What already is

Christ died for us

Christ lives in us

† Do you know the Mystery?

Next week: Week 2- Grace and Peace. Colossians 1:1-2

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