

We Proclaim Christ! *Right?*

In days of multiplying diversions and deepening divisions, it is easy to get off message and mission. *Squirrel!* Finding our life and hope in Jesus, believers are to strive to proclaim Him to others so we can present them to Him in worship.

“We proclaim him, warning, and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me.” (Col. 1:28-29 – CSB)

We Present Christ to others so we can Present them to Christ

1. **We are to be All about HIM, Christ, our hope of glory** (1:9-27)
 2. **We Proclaim Him, with Wisdom, Willing to Suffer** (24-28; cf. Col. 4:2-6)
 3. **We’re Purposeful: To Present Mature Disciples to Him** (vs. 28; cf. Matt. 28:18-20; Gal. 4:19; Rom. 15:16)
 4. **We Persevere in this Mission, with His Power** (vs. 29; cf. John 15:1-5; 1Cor. 15:10)
- **Do you know Him**, God’s source of hope for us? (1:26, 27)
 - **Are you growing in knowledge of Him?** Study, pray Col. 1:9-20
 - **Do you live to make Him known?** With your:
 - Life - fruit of Spirit, deeds (Gal. 5:19-22; Matt. 5:13-16)
 - Lips – truth of Spirit from the Word (Col. 3:16-17; 4:5, 6)
 - **What flows most frequently from you?** Politics, pandemic, playthings... (Luke 6:45; Col. 3:14-16)

“Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.
Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt,
so that you may know how you should answer each person.”
(Col. 4:5, 6 – CSB)