

Paul's Letter to the

Colossians



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Colossians 1:24-2:5 (NIV)

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. ²⁹ To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

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¹ I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ² My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

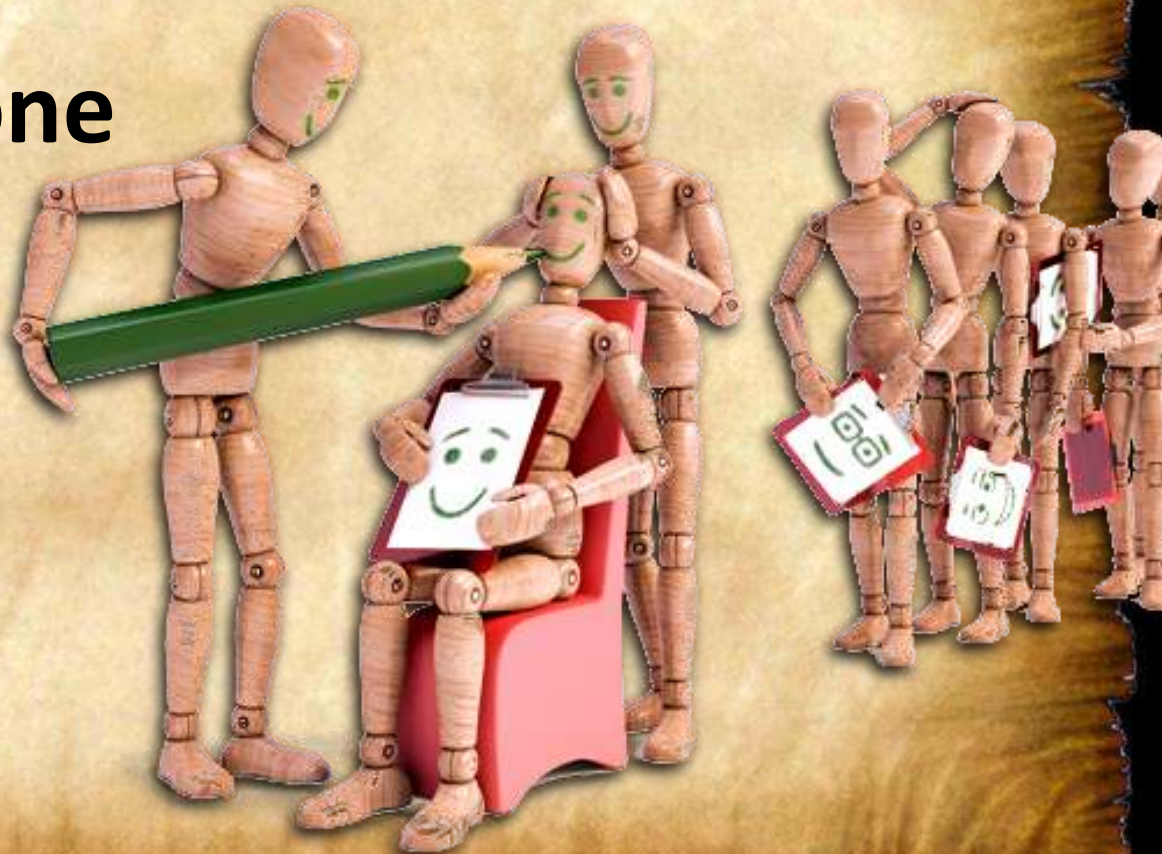
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Serving the Church



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**V25 I have become its servant by the
commission God gave me...**

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Paul was commissioned by God

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He knew what his life was about and nothing was going to stop him, not ship wrecks, not beatings, not stoning, nothing was going to stop Paul

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Serving the Church

We are all called to be priests

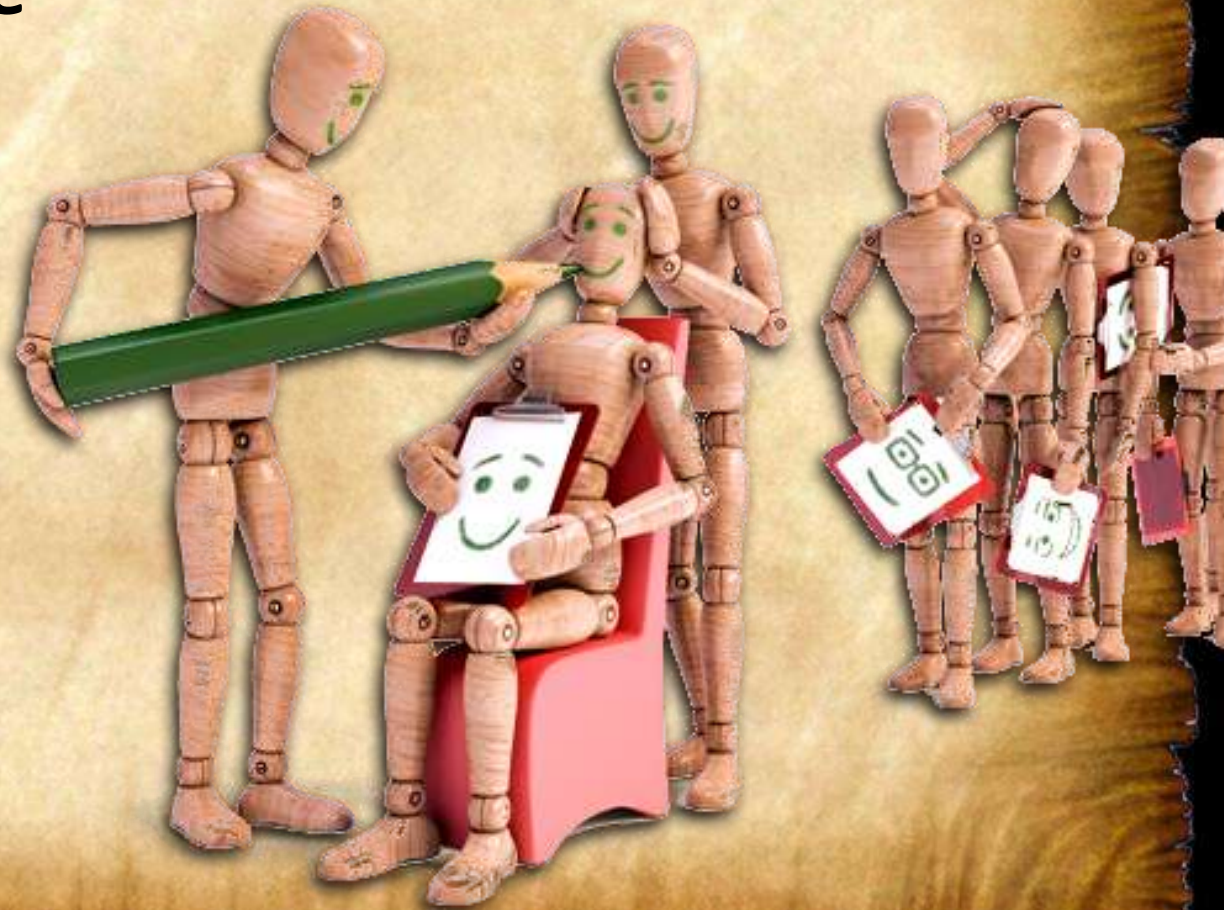
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Serving the Church

As Christians none of us can get away from servanthood

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V28 - We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

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Admonishing

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Encouraged in Heart

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United in love

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Complete understanding

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Where are we serving?

Where are we encouraging?

Where are we seeking to make people Christ like? - (Or is it all about me?)

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Serving God



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V29 - In this I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

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Is that a statement that describes you and I?

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**If we are going to bring this town back to God,
we need to show them the power of God.**

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God wants for each one of us to serve him.

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I want more than the odd drop of Holy Spirit power.

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Is it time that we allowed God the Holy Spirit to come and blow through this church? To revive us again.

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What do you bring to church life?

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What do you bring to church life?

Serving God

When was the last time we asked for the power of God to flow through us?


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**Is it time to ask God to flood through
this church again?**

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Paul's Labour for the Church

24 Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church, of which I have become its servant by the blood of the cross. 25 I have become its servant by the blood of the cross, which God gave me to present to you the word of God in all its fullness, the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and is now disclosed to the saints. 27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a silver ring. The ring is positioned over the text on the parchment. The ring's band is engraved with the words 'COLOSSIANS' and the number '38'. The background is a piece of aged, yellowish parchment with a decorative, scalloped edge. The text on the parchment is in a dark, serif font, and the overall scene is lit with a warm, golden light.