

## Dig Deeper into Colossians 1:24-2:5 for personal study and lifegroups...

### Col 1:24-2:5 No Cowboys!

**True Christian Ministry ....**

- 1) ... involves hardship! (v24-25)**
- 2) ... proclaims Jesus! (v25-28)**
- 3) ... brings maturity! (v28-2v5)**

**encouraged in heart (v2)**

**united in love (v2)**

**blessed in understanding (v2-3)**

**protected in thinking (v4)**

**stabilised in the faith (v5)**





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A few questions to dig deeper into the passage and its meaning and application...

- 1. Why do you think suffering is a mark of true Christian ministry (v24-25, 29)?  
How do we suffer for the gospel without burning out?**
- 2. How could you explain to a friend v27: “Christ in you, the hope of glory”? In what sense is this a mystery?**
- 3. For each of the aspects of Christian maturity in the verses...**
  - a. what do they look like in practice?**
  - b. why would they be great to have in increasing measure?**
  - c. how do we get them?**
- 4. What ministry or outreach opportunities do you have at the moment?  
Which aspect do you most need to take away from this passage?**

### Resources...

- Just read and re-read [Colossians](#)! It's great! Stick with Jesus!
- Christopher Ash has written a book called “[Zeal without Burnout](#)” (trailer [here](#)).
- One paragraph definition of “[Mystery](#)” in Easton's Bible Dictionary.