

GLORY OF CHRIST

Introduction: Before Christ came, Jews looked down on Gentiles, even if they were proselytes to the Jewish faith. They did not believe Gentiles could enjoy all the privileges God had given them. They would treat Gentile proselytes as second-rate believers. After Christ arose from the dead, life began to change for Gentile believers. Christ commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to everyone. They began to preach it to the Jews, but soon their ministry expanded to the Gentiles. Peter discovered to his amazement at Cornelius' house that Gentiles not only could be saved, but they could be indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Acts 10). About this same time Saul (Paul) was converted and Jesus told him that he would be sent as His special ambassador to the Gentiles. God revealed to him that Christ would dwell in saved Gentiles and they would be given the same riches and blessings as saved Jews.

Lesson Aim: Know about the riches of the glory of Christ that also are given to all Gentile believers.

Memory Verse: "God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer:**I. Prayers of Paul — 1:1-14**

1. How did Paul pray for the believers in Colosse? 1:3
2. How is 1 Corinthians 13:13 defined by Colossians? 1:4-5
3. What did Paul desire for the Colossian believers? 1:9-10a
 - a. That you might _____
 - b. That you might _____
4. What are the four results of knowing the Lord's will and walking in obedience to it? 1:10b-12
 - a. Being _____
 - b. Increasing _____
 - c. Strengthened _____
 - d. Giving _____
5. Give three reasons why we should be thankful to God? 1:12-13
6. Give two reasons why we should be thankful to God's Son? 1:14

II. Pre-eminence of Christ — 1:15-18

7. Who is God's Son? 1:15
8. What has God's Son done? 1:16-18 All things were _____ Him and _____ Him. God's Son is _____ all things and by Him all things _____. He is the _____ of the _____, the _____: who is the _____, the _____ from the dead.

III. Peace by Christ — 1:19-23

9. What pleased God the Father? 1:19
10. How did Christ make peace between sinners and God? 1:20
11. How does Christ's reconciliation of sinners change them? 1:21-22
12. What is the mystery (hidden truth) that God revealed to Paul? 1:25-27