



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

**Study questions for Colossians 1:21-29**

***(Remember to find the answers in the verses under consideration !)***

V 21 In vs 21-23 the key repeated word is "you", used 5 times, referring to the believers in the Colossian church. What were "you" like, according to this verse, before Christ saved you ?

V 22 God has predestined a plan for everyone who is saved. See Rm8v29-30, 1Cor1v5&11. How did HE begin this work of sanctification ? Is it finished, according to this verse ?

V 23 We know that salvation is secure (Jn10v29) and "once saved ; always saved" is a fact (1Tim1v12). Why would God's predestined plan for a Christians life be interrupted according to this verse ?

V 24 In vs 24-25 the key repeated word is "I", used 4 times (5 if you count the end of v23). We know that salvation was finished by Christ's death on the Cross (Jn19v30). What then is lacking ? Could it be "your sanctification" (1Th4v3) which is not yet finished (Col1v22) ?

V 25 Paul suffered physically (v24) to get the message of sanctification to the Colossians. Where did he get this ministry, stewardship or authority ?

V 26 In vs26-27 the key repeated word is "mystery", used 2 times to describe sanctification.

When was the mystery revealed ?

V 27 To whom was this mystery first reveal ? Was it Israel ?

How is "Christ in you" different from "the Spirit of the Lord came upon..." (Judges3v10, 6v34, 11v29, 14v6, 19, 15v14 & 1Sam16v13) ?

V 28 The key repeated words in this verse are "every man", used 3 times. Who is exempt from God's plan to make them "complete in Christ" ?

V 29 God's purpose (or plan) is our sanctification. What affect did that have on Paul, himself ?

Make a list of the areas in your life that need to become conformed to the image of Christ. You may have been saved many years ago, but that was just the beginning of a marvelous transformation to become like Christ. Let's not "move away from the hope of the Gospel" (v23) but, rather advance to the goal (or purpose) mentioned in this last verse. Use your list to check off the areas in your life when Christ wins victories over sin. Keep it private between you and HIM.