

**Colossians 1:18-29 - Christ in Me, the Hope of Glory**

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6) Your spiritual account balance as a Christian: \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, the hope of glory.

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1) If it denies or minimizes that **JESUS** is **GOD**, it is false teaching.

*Matthew 1:23*    *Acts 20:28*      *John 10:33*    *Isaiah 9:6*

2) **NOT** **EVERYONE** will be saved and go to heaven!

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3) Let Scripture **INTERPRET** Scripture.

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4) Two of Satan's greatest lies: Convincing the **SAVED** they are lost, and the **LOST** they are saved.

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5) When we **SUFFER** for Jesus, He takes it personally.

6) Your spiritual account balance as a Christian: **CHRIST** in **ME**, the hope of glory.

How does this story encourage or challenge you?

### GET PRACTICAL

7) What does it look like for you to let Jesus be *preeminent* in your daily life? Give at least three examples.

Do you think there is a difference between the idea of “putting God first” and “loving Him with all your heart”? Why or why not?

What things tend to compete with Christ having preeminence in your life?

8) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week’s message or homework?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## Life Group Homework For the week of October 15, 2023

### MY STORY

- 1) What is something most people don’t know about you? (Can be something silly or serious)
  
- 2) Have you ever talked with someone who believed Jesus was less than God? What did they say? How did you respond? How did you feel during the conversation?

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) **Read aloud Colossians 1:18-29.** What stood out to you from this passage or Sunday’s message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we learned how God views His followers as holy, blameless, and above reproach in His sight. What stands out to you from the following Psalm of David?

**Psalm 32:1-11** - “[1] A Psalm of David. A Contemplation. Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. [2] Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. [3] When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. [4] For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.

*Selah [5] I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah [6] For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. [7] You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah [8] I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. [9] Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. [10] Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. [11] Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"*

What questions do you have from this psalm?

What do you think David meant in verses 3-4?

Notice that, starting in verse 8, God becomes the speaker (speaking prophetically through David). In your own words, describe what God is saying.

Look back at verse 7. Knowing all the trouble David endured (and knowing the trials you have faced), what can this verse mean?

5) Paul told us in Colossians 1:27 that we have Christ in us, the hope of glory. Jesus told the disciples in - **John 14:19-20** - "[19] *A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. [20] "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."*

What do you think is so significant about these truths?

6) What stands out to you from the following story about a modern-day believer who is adding to *the afflictions of Christ*?

*Simco\* lives in the Middle East, used to be a Muslim, is now a Christian, and leads an underground church. He's been arrested three times. There have been attacks on his life five times. Even through continuous threats against his and his family's lives, Simco continues running his illegal printing press (printing bibles and distributing them throughout the Middle East). He knows the importance of his work, to get the Word of the Lord into the hands of those who have never read Its precious words before: "It's really important for me to send the real words of God into the nations, to the people that are tired and persecuted, and to those that are tricked by false words and false gods from other religions." He then adds these beautiful words: "The Bible is the most important book on earth. Knowing that has helped me not even think about giving up." (\*Name changed for security. Story from [GlobalChristianRelief.org](http://GlobalChristianRelief.org))*

How do you think Jesus views Simco?