



NWMC - The Mission of Making Every Man Mature in Christ

Col 1(NLT)

1.1 *...an apostle of Jesus Christ...* If we represent someone what do we primarily do? Pass on His message, heart, will. Most of what Christianity has been about is to represent a thing - denomination, organization, doctrine, theology, etc.

1.4 *...already trusted...* God is calling men aside from our efforts. It's His work, He invites us to join Him.

1.6 *...Good News...* Here is the critical issue: the true gospel has been "religionized". What is the True Gospel?

1. He (God) has poured out His kindness 1.6

2. He has rescued us 1.13

3. He has placed us in His kingdom 1.13

4. He has given us freedom 1.14

All of this was done without anything on our part. It is all God!

1.9 *...praying for you...* What is God's real desire for us?

1. To know what He wants to do in us

2. To be wise with His wisdom

3. Living in synch with Him

4. Growing in our knowledge of Him (Christ)

1:15-23 *Christ is* The center of the Good News and what He HAS done FOR us. He is preeminent. He is everything.

1:25 *Christ has given me the responsibility...* to share His message. What is the message?

1.27 The message is that **Christ lives in us**. This is the most untaught, little known fact of Christianity. Religion has taught us that everything is future, we are unworthy earthlings, must earn our way, discipline our lives to be worthy of the future or of God's pleasure.

We are taught to be imitators rather than possessors. The common idea is that we need to change to be like Him. But the truth is, we are already like Him. Stop trying to be who you already are!

1:28 *So, everywhere we go...* in order.. *to present every man...perfect (mature) in their relationship to Christ...* i.e. to help every man realize who they are in Christ.

To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. (MSG)

1.29 *I work very hard at this...* this is worth giving time and energy, teaching, training, creating environments where men can realize this basic truth of their true identity in Christ.