

**The Supremacy of Christ**  
**Sharing the Gospel**  
**Colossians 1:28-29**

**Introduction**

In 1:24-2:1 Paul explained his calling and the sufferings he experiences because of it. Some aspects of Paul's ministry are unique to his calling. We know that Paul was the first missionary to take the gospel message across the Mediterranean Sea to the Western Gentile world. But other aspects of his ministry are not unique at all.

1. Paul told the Colossians that the mystery (the gospel message about the coming of the Messiah) was hidden from ages and generations but now was revealed to the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Paul writes, "To them, God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in \_\_\_\_\_, the hope of glory.
3. We are called upon to share the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ with others.

**I. Making Disciples By Sharing the Gospel**

4. The mission of every follower of Christ is to share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Some people call this the ministry of mentoring. Others call it evangelism. I like to call it "disciple-\_\_\_\_\_" since that's what Jesus called it.
6. The goal of every believer is to be \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
7. Paul uses the term to refer to the process of Christians becoming spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Believers immersed in their faith in Jesus thrive on receiving God's love and \_\_\_\_\_ God's love to others.
9. Once you become a child of God, it is His will for you to grow into a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Some Christians remain spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ their whole lives.
11. Paul wants to help other believers \_\_\_\_\_ in their faith!
12. When Christ returns, we are to present to Him the Christians we have helped \_\_\_\_\_ Christian maturity.

## **II. Joining Others to Share the Gospel**

13. Disciple-making is something we all need to be \_\_\_\_\_ in.
14. Paul views disciple-making as a \_\_\_\_\_.
15. In verse 28, he writes, "Him (Jesus) we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus."
16. Paul calls upon \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christians in Colossae to help "one another" toward this goal.
17. Disciple-making is a \_\_\_\_\_ goal for all Christians!
18. \_\_\_\_\_ that have a network of faith-nurturing relationships are generally profoundly devoted to Christ and each other.
19. Once people are attracted to the church as a safe and loving community, mature believers must \_\_\_\_\_ and train new converts.

20. Without these kinds of relationships, most believers remain isolated and far more \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation than those connected to other mature believers.
21. Without a deep connection to Jesus and other believers, we are far less likely to be interested in \_\_\_\_\_ non-believers to Christ
22. We're talking about \_\_\_\_\_ people to Jesus and a life-changing experience with God!
23. All Christians should practice this ministry but it doesn't mean that all Christians must practice it exactly the \_\_\_\_\_ way.
24. Some grow better in small study groups, while others grow through involvement in \_\_\_\_\_ ministries.

### **III. Holy Spirit Empowered Gospel Sharing**

25. The first thing we need to do is focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_.
26. What you have to share may be important but what \_\_\_\_\_ says is always more important.
27. As we grow in the knowledge of God, we must \_\_\_\_\_ God's word with one another.
28. "Admonish" means to personally \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word to a person's life-situations by way of counsel, warning, correction, or exhortation.
29. "With all wisdom" is knowing how to apply God's Word in everyday \_\_\_\_\_.
30. You don't have to be a biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to share the gospel.
31. Share how the practical application of God's Word is making you a better \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

32. Paul's second answer to Holy Spirit empowered sharing of the gospel requires an ongoing \_\_\_\_\_.
33. Spiritual maturity takes a long time to \_\_\_\_\_.
34. Part of sharing the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.
35. Spiritual maturity will never be a quick \_\_\_\_\_.
36. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us to share the gospel and let the life of \_\_\_\_\_ flow through us to reach out and change others.

### Conclusion

37. God's Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, will \_\_\_\_\_ us to steadfastly and patiently help one another along the long road toward spiritual maturity.

Don't lose your vitality and energy as you mature and grow older. Stay on the cutting edge and share the gospel message about Jesus all the way to the end of your life! Never compromise your faith and never give up telling people about Jesus. Christ is counting on you to help others come to faith and grow in grace.

You are God's hope for the world.

### ANSWERS

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|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Saints    | 14. Privilege   | 27. Share    |
| 2. You       | 15. Perfect     | 28. Apply    |
| 3. Gospel    | 16. All         | 29. Life     |
| 4. Others    | 17. Primary     | 30. Expert   |
| 5. Making    | 18. Churches    | 31. Follower |
| 6. Complete  | 19. Teach       | 32. Effort   |
| 7. Mature    | 20. Vulnerable  | 33. Develop  |
| 8. Giving    | 21. Attracting  | 34. Praying  |
| 9. Adult     | 22. Introducing | 35. Fix      |
| 10. Immature | 23. Same        | 36. Jesus    |
| 11. Grow     | 24. Serving     |              |
| 12. Achieve  | 25. Word        |              |
| 13. Involved | 26. God         |              |