

## IN HIS ENERGY COLOSSIANS 1:28-2:1

*How did you see God working in your life this week?*

**BACKGROUND:** “No one can successfully serve Jesus Christ without working hard... Success in serving the Lord, like success in sports, demands maximum effort.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Colossians and Philemon, p. 81.

**PROCLAIM HIM.** Proclaim what He did for everyone. He died for our sin and was buried and resurrected so we could have new life. To every person proclaim Him—the love of God through Jesus Christ! “The fact is that the only thing in this world which is for every man is Christ.” William Barclay, The Letters to the Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians, p. 127. (**Colossians 1:28, Colossians 4:2-5, fn 4:5, Ephesians 6:19, 20, fn 6:19, 20, Matthew 28:18-20, fn 28:18-20, John 4:33-35, fn 4:35, Acts 1:8, fn 1:8[2<sup>nd</sup>]**), *How could you make yourself available to lead people to Christ? What part does Christ’s energy play?*

**WARN EVERYONE, TEACH EVERYONE.** With admonishment, include teaching. With teaching, include admonishment. Everyone has potential and no one is to be left out. (**Colossians 1:28, fn 1:28, 29[2<sup>nd</sup>], Colossians 3:16, II Timothy 3:15-17, fn 3:15[1<sup>st</sup>], Proverbs 27:5, 6, fn 27:6, Psalms 141:5, fn 141:5, Ephesians 4:14-16, fn 4:14-16, Galatians 6:1, 2, fn 6:1-3**) *How could admonishment and teaching done by you glorify Christ? When you receive admonishment and teaching how is Christ glorified?*

**PRESENT EVERYONE PERFECT.** Perfect means mature or complete. “The Colossians heretics believed perfection (maturity) was only for the elite, a view shared by many others throughout history...In contrast, Christ offers spiritual maturity to every man and woman.” MacArthur, pp. 80-81. However, you cannot be presented as perfect without your acceptance of admonishment and teaching. (**Colossians 1:28, fn 1:26, 27, I Corinthians 3:1-4, fn 3:1-3, Titus 2:1-8, fn 2:1-8, Hebrews 5:11-14, fn 5:12-14, fn 5:14, I Peter 2:1-5, fn 2:2, 3**) *When you lead someone to Christ, how will Christ’s energy help you to lead them to maturity?*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*

