

## LIKE PAUL, PRESENT THE GOSPEL COLOSSIANS 1:24-27

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: Paul not only presented the gospel, but he gave us a model of how to share it with others. I recommend using a gospel tract like “Four Spiritual Laws.”

**PAY THE PRICE.** In your faith you may suffer persecution and injury intended for Christ. But take heart! Suffering enables you to experience a heightened presence of the Lord Jesus and His divine security for your life. (**Colossians 1:24, fn 1:24, Philippians 1:27-30, fn 1:29, Matthew 5:10-12, fn 5:11, 12, II Timothy 3:10-12, fn 3:12**) *How could you keep the threat of opposition from hindering you from sharing your faith?*

**MAKE GRACE KNOWN.** Do this not only by your words but by your life and service to others. You are not meant to be a casual observer but to use your gifts to fulfill Christ’s ministry through you. Everyone has a place. Everyone has a responsibility. Everyone has a job. (**Colossians 1:25, I Peter 4:7-11, fn 4:10, 11, fn 4:11, Romans 12:3-8, fn 12:4-8, fn 12:6-8, II Corinthians 3:4, 5, fn 3:4, 5, Acts 20:22-24, fn 20:24[1<sup>st</sup>], John 4:27-38, fn 4:35**) *What could be your first step in setting goals in your God-given ministry to present the gospel?*

**DISCLOSE THE MYSTERY.** In the Old Testament, God promised the Messiah. In the New Testament, He fulfilled this promise by sending Jesus the Messiah and Savior. To all believers God has given the Holy Spirit to live in them. This “mystery” (Christ in you) gives proof to us of a personal relationship with Jesus and eternal glory with Him. (**Colossians 1:26, 27, fn 1:26, 27, Deuteronomy 18:15, fn 18:15, John 1:40-42, fn 1:40-42, John 14:15-21, fn 14:18, Ephesians 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14, II Corinthians 5:5, fn 5:5**) *To experience solid growth in the Lord, what do you need to do to lead your own group and exercise your gifts? See Philemon 6 (NIV).*

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