

05/22/2022 Colossians 1:24-2:5

- What stood out to you from this week's message? Why?
- 2. Read Colossians 1:24-2:5. Is there anything in this passage that stands out, confuses or helps you?
- 3. What is Paul's main message in these verses?
- 4. How does Paul's message reveal God's purposes for those who would be called his followers? What are those purposes?
- 5. What was the mystery of which Paul spoke in this passage (see v. 27), and why is it so significant?
- 6. Pastor John mentioned the idea of predestination. What has been your understanding or perception of this term?
- 7. What contrast did Pastor John give for how this term is typically defined and how Paul uses this concept?
- 8. In 2:1-5, Paul shares some of his motivations and hopes. What drove him? Why was he willing to struggle and suffer for his readers?
- 9. How does the reconciliation of Jew and Gentile (basically all of humanity) reflect God's predetermined will?
- 10. Paul works toward this goal. How can you work toward the goal of reconciling all people into the community of Jesus?
- 11. How do your actions help bring God's mission into fulfillment?
- 12. You are called to be part of a community that lays its life down for others, one that does righteousness and justice. How do you see yourself fitting and functioning in that community? What role can you have?