

SERIES: *Colossians*
TITLE: *Plants, Buildings & Rivers*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Bob Marvel*
PASSAGE: *Colossians 1:26-2:7*
DATES: *July 23-24, 2022*



MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- A complete trust in Jesus means continual transformation by Him.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Talk about the mystery of God. Is it what is behind the curtain, or in the bag, or the recently discovered majesty of the universe now seen by more powerful telescopes? Or is it more internal, like the acknowledgment of Jesus being Christ?
 - Why is "... made known among the Gentiles" so important to us?
 - Why was the mystery particularly timely for Paul to address in this letter?
 - Read and discuss Romans 16:25-27 Have you ever thought that your belief in Jesus as the Christ, the fulfillment of the prophetic writings, has "pulled back the curtain" of life for you? That you have a much greater understanding of life than you did before you believed?
 - Discuss the benefits of a life characterized by "complete trust, and continual transformation" mentioned in verses 6 & 7. Use the familiar things Pastor Bob talked about - rooted plants, strong buildings, rivers overflowing with thankfulness. How does this stability give us a different perspective of life?
 - Pastor Bob mentioned that Paul wrote this letter "in my own hand." Who normally scribed for Paul? Ever wonder why Paul normally did not write with his own hand?
 - Read Ephesians 4:14 Pastor Bob talked briefly about the stress on churches and pastors over the last couple of years (COVID, masks, wars) – When times are tough, can we be more prone to be "tossed back and forth... blown here and there by every wind of teaching...?"
 - Notice the wording in Colossians 2:5 "...and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is." Compare this with Philemon 1: 5 "because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus," This is a pattern of Paul's letters, often recognizing and being thankful for faith and stability in the church. If Paul wrote a letter to Cornwall Church, would he greet us in a similar way?
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NEXT STEPS

- Colossians 2:6 says "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him." Take time to consider ... how can you do that this week ... how can you LIVE *in Him* this week?