

5-17-2026 Sunday Sermon Message
Meditation of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text: Colossians 1:13-27

Title: **The Mystery of Christ in Us and the Hope of Glory**

The apostle Paul testified to the Saints in Galatia about Christ dwelling in him:

" I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."(Galatians 2:20)

He testified in detail to the Saints in Colossae about what Christ is like:

" Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

¹⁶ For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

²⁰ And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."(Colossians 1:15-20)

The apostle John testified that Christ is God from the beginning by his Word:

" In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."(John 1:1-3)

The fact that Christ lives in us by reconciling us to God with His blood is a mystery of mysteries. Therefore, the fact that Christ, who is a mystery among mysteries, is alive in us is something that we ourselves can testify, just like the apostle Paul.

The Church of God is a community of the bride of Christ who has been born again in spirit and saved soul by believing in the blood of Christ. No one else can belong to the church, and Christ cannot dwell in them.

The Apostle John lived close to Christ, who created heaven and earth Himself, and testified of the blessings he received:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

² (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which

was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

³ That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”(1 John 1:1-3)

The fact that we belong to the Church of God is the greatest blessing on earth.

This is the reason why we can always rejoice, and it is the blessing that allows us to live in peace beyond the understanding that Christ gives us by realizing the knowledge of all truth in Christ by communicating and communicating with Him without ceasing, giving thanks in all things.

We should also look forward to the glorious inheritance in Him, always live a holy life, and prepare by praying that our spirit, soul, and body will have nothing to reproach until Christ comes to pick us up. The apostle Paul testified to the members of the church in Ephesus about the hope of glory in the inheritance given to us through Christ:

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,

according to the working of his mighty power,

²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to

come:

²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

²³ Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”(Ephesians 1: 17-23)

The apostle Paul testified that Christ is our hope of glory:

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:“(Colossians 1:27)

When the apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, he told the saints to test whether they were in the faith or not:

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

⁶ But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.”(2 Corinthians 13:5-6)

Amen! Hallelujah!