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"IN SERVICE" FOR CHRIST

(Colossians 1:24 - 2:7)

1. (v24-29) PAUL'S SACRIFICIAL SERVICE FOR CHRIST

- 1) (v24) "I now rejoice in my sufferings for you" - ready to suffer.  
(2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-13)  
"and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ" -  
It does not mean something was lacking in the redemptive sacrifice of Christ,  
Jesus' sacrifice paid it all.  
It does mean there's a close identification between Christ and the church  
through suffering. (1 Peter 4:12) "you partake of Christ's sufferings"  
"for the sake of His body, which is the church" - our sufferings accompany His.
- 2) (v25) "I became a minister" - ready to minister.  
This verse takes us back to Ananias and Saul: (Acts 9:15-16).  
(v26-27) "the mystery" - (Ephesians 3:1, v4-5, v7-8)
- 3) (v28) "Him we preach" - ready to preach.  
"Him" - (Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other ..."  
"Warning every man and teaching every man" - (2:8 and 3:16)  
"That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" - (Romans 8:1)
- 4) (v29) "To this end, I also labor" - ready to toil and serve.  
(1 Thessalonians 2:9 and 1 Timothy 4:10)

2. (2:1-7) I'M NOT THERE, BUT HERE IS MY WRITTEN CARE & CONCERN

- 1) (v2) "That their hearts may be encouraged" - written messages do that!  
Written messages may be kept and read over and over.
- 2) (v2) "Being knit together in love" - Merriam-Webster: "to link firmly or closely;  
to form a fabric by interlacing yarn or thread in connected loops with needles."
- 3) (v2) "And attaining to all riches of the full assurance ... "  
(v3) "In whom are hidden all the treasures ... "  
(2 Timothy 1:11-12) "... I know whom I have believed ... "  
(1 John 5:13) "... that you may know that you have eternal life ... "
- 4) (v4) "deceive you with persuasive words" - (Galatians 1:6-9)
- 5) (v5) "I am with you in spirit, rejoicing ... " - (3 John v4)
- 6) (v6-7) "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him"  
"Rooted ... built up in Him ... established ... thanksgiving"