

# FOCUSED

## ON THE MAIN THING

MAY 26 & 27 // COLOSSIANS 1:25-29

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### The Colossians' problem:

### What is the purpose of this church?

We proclaim Christ, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:28,29

### 1. What's our message?

We proclaim **Christ**... Col. 1:28a

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### 2. Who's our target?

...admonishing **everyone** and teaching **everyone** with all wisdom, so that we may present **everyone**... Col. 1:28b

Three times in one verse Paul uses the Greek phrase

*panta anthropon*: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. What's our goal?

...so that we may present everyone **mature in Christ**. Col. 1:28c NIV

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### 4. Who does this?

...**admonishing** and **teaching** everyone with all wisdom. Col. 1:28

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you **teach** and **admonish** one another with all wisdom... Col. 3:16

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### 5. How do we do it?

To this end I strenuously contend with all **the energy Christ so powerfully works in me**. Col. 1:29 NIV

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*The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity... Christ! No more, no less. That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me. Col. 1:27-29 The Message*

#### SERMONS AND BOOKS CITED IN THIS MESSAGE

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