

# *Colossians*

## *Blessed Assurance* *"The Cost of the Gospel"*

**INTRO:** *In today's passage, Paul introduces himself to a church he did not found yet cares for deeply. He does so in order to prepare them for the didactic (teaching) section of his letter.*

- I. The Gospel is bound to \_\_\_\_\_ (1:24).** *Its meaning, its message, and its messenger are all inextricably linked to suffering.*
- II. The Gospel that is bound to \_\_\_\_\_ is the only Gospel that is able to \_\_\_\_\_ (1:25-2:3).**  
*The Gospel preached by Paul and delivered to the Colossians by Epaphras revealed the **mystery** of **how** Gentiles could become joint heirs with Jews of spiritual blessings promised Abraham!*
- III. Reject any "gospel" that unhitches from a theology of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:4-5).** *Paul desired the Colossians be mature enough in Christ to detect false gospels and reject them. In addition, there are two points of personal application.*
- A.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*If we appreciate the cost, it encourages continued faithfulness.*
- B.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*All Christians are called to suffer (1 Peter 2:21; 4:12-19).*