

Msg. #3 (of 8)
Christianity in HD
Exposition of Colossians

“THE CHURCH IN HD”

–Three distinctive marks of the true Church–
Colossians 1:24-2:5

Introduction:

I. You are seeing the Church clearly when your vision includes the _____ that has been paid for her existence. v. 24

A. The price that has been paid is the afflictions and suffering of _____.

B. The price that is still being paid is the afflictions and suffering of Christ’s servants—all true _____ of the body of Christ.

1. Our afflictions in the body of Christ are often for the sake of _____. “Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you...”

2. Our afflictions in the body of Christ are our _____ with the afflictions that Christ experienced on our behalf. “..I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions...”

3. Our afflictions in the body of Christ open for us a unique sphere of _____. “Now I rejoice...”

II. You are seeing the Church clearly when Jesus Christ is at the _____ of everything she does. vv. 25-29

A. Churches where Christ remains at the center have members and leaders who view ministry as a _____ and a _____. v. 25a

B. Churches where Christ remains at the center have members and leaders who value the _____ preaching of the Word of God. vv. 25b-27

C. Churches where Christ remains at the center have members and leaders who value the _____ process. v. 28b

III. You are seeing the Church clearly when you are willing to do anything necessary to help her members _____ in their faith.2:1-5

A. There are a few things that help believers stand firm in their faith:

1. Earnest _____ for others helps. v.1

2. Presenting Jesus Christ as _____ for all our needs helps. vv.2-3

3. Downplaying hype and emotionalism and upgrading our knowledge and application of _____ helps. v.4

4. Feeling the full force of the enemy’s tactics against other believers while providing spiritual _____ helps. v. 5

