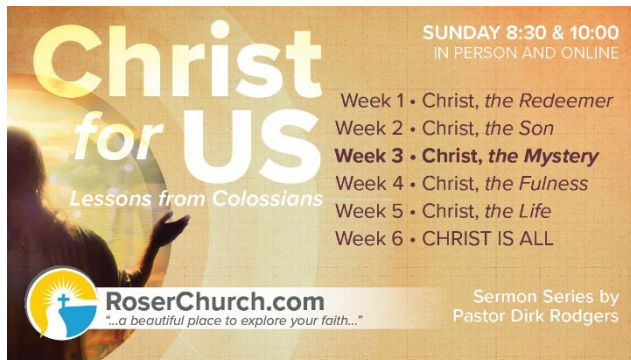




Today's Topic:

Christ, the Mystery

Colossians 1:24-29

June 21, 2026

1. Worth the _____

*"Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church."
Colossians 1:24 (NIV, 2011)*

2. Worth the _____

"I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:25-27 (NIV, 2011)

3. Worth the _____

"He is the one we proclaim, 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 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when all your hard work and effort seemed worth it. A graduation, fitness goal, or home project?
2. Read Colossians 1:24. What does Paul mean when he says he is "filling up" what "is lacking in Christ's afflictions"? Recall that he was in prison as he wrote this letter.
3. Read Colossians 1:25-27. What mystery does Christ reveal that had been hidden over the centuries? How does he explain what God was doing the entire time?
4. Read Colossians 1:28-29. What inspires Paul to "strenuously contend" in his ministry?
5. What gives us the confidence to know that our efforts for Christ are always worth the effort?