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MINISTERS OF RECONCILIATION

Colossians 1:24-29

Our Advent study in review:

- The Incomparable Christ Who Holds the World Together – Colossians 1:15-17
- The Incomparable Christ Who Holds the Church Together – Colossians 1:18-20
- The Incomparable Christ Who Reconciles Us Together With God – Colossians 1:19-23
- Today: The Incomparable Christ Whom We Serve Together – Colossians 1:24-29

AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST:

I. WE ARE CALLED TO GOD'S MINISTRY.

- a. A Call to Stewardship
- b. A Call to Service
- c. A Call to Suffering
- d. A Call to Struggling

II. TO PROCLAIM GOD'S MESSAGE.

- a. We are called to proclaim Christ.
- b. Two aspects:
 - i. We Warn Everyone.
 - ii. We Teach Everyone.

III. FOR THE MATURITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

- a. We make the Word of God fully known so that the people of God might be fully mature.
- b. This is our aim. (see also: Ephesians 4:11-13; Romans 15:14)
- c. Epaphras' prayer – Colossians 4:12

IV. THROUGH GOD'S MEANS.

- a. All God expects from us He provides for us in Christ Jesus.
- b. God gets all the glory.
 - i. He reconciles us.
 - ii. He calls us to minister.
 - iii. He gives us the message.
 - iv. He grows us in maturity.
 - v. He provides the means.

Our prayer: Father, please help we who You've reconciled to Yourself to joyfully proclaim Christ until we are all mature, and, in the strength you provide, help us to faithfully minister for the good of the gospel and for Your glory.