

## Colossians: Your Motivation

Colossians 1:24-29

Motivation

Paul's motivation

Colossians 1:24; Colossians 2:13; Colossians 1:25-26; Romans 12:5-8

Motivation to suffer

2 Peter 1:3-4; Colossians 1:28-29

### Considerations for the week

**Rejoice, v. 25.** Remember some of the suffering Paul endured and that in which he boasted. (2 Corinthians 11:16-33) Draw analogies to our sufferings and boastings. How does suffering show where our hopes and dreams are really based, and what do we need to remember when we suffer?

**Mystery, v. 25-27.** Consider the scope and implications of the previously hidden mystery. See also 1 Corinthians 2:7-10; 1 Peter 1:10-12; Ephesians 3:4-6.

**Wisdom, v. 28.** In our lives, we sometimes stray from “the majors” to concentrate on “the minors” of our faith. Describe what it would look like were we to major steadfastly on the majors.

**Toil, v. 29.** Describe a time when someone sweated for the Lord. Sometimes our toil is immediately fruitful and sometimes not. How are we to understand our efforts for the Lord?

Strangers often come into worship here. What might one deduce that our gospel is?

If this week – perhaps at work or school – someone overheard a conversation of yours, what might they conclude that your gospel is?

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



**Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.**

– Colossians 1:28-29, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Romans 12:1

Acts 1:8

### Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

**Rice Temple Baptist Church**

## Today's order of service

Prelude, *Better Than a Hallelujah*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn, *This Is Our God*

Hymn, *Days of Elijah*

Hymn, *Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy*

Hymn, *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *Build My Life*

Message

Hymn of response

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

Benediction

Postlude, *Ride On, King Jesus*

## Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: bratwurst or  
chicken sausage, potatoes, veggies, salad, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 5:30 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational

English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am

Meets this week, March 22

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

**The church office has information on events.**

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

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