

I'm Fighting for You...

Colossians 1:21 - 2:7

IN COLOSSIANS 1:9-12, PAUL SAYS, "I'M _____ FOR YOU."

IN THIS PASSAGE, PAUL SAYS, "I'M _____ FOR YOU."

"...so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me. For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf...." (1:28b-2:1a)

THROUGH JESUS, TRUE BELIEVERS ARE . . .

➤ _____ to _____. (1:21-22a)

➤ _____ before _____. (1:22b)

"...[that I may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith." (Phil. 3:9)

➤ _____ in the _____. (1:23)

PAUL: "I'M FIGHTING FOR YOU . . ."

1) by being willing to _____
to make the _____ known to you. (1:24-25)

"...for I will show him [Paul] how much he must suffer for My name's sake." (Acts 9:16b)

Paul: "...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings...." (Phil. 3:10)

"Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel." (Phil. 1:12)

"...we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed...for all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound in the glory of God." (2 Cor. 4:8-15)



2) by doing whatever it takes to _____
— your only _____. (1:26-28a)

*"...Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him...!"
(v. 27-28a)*

3) by encouraging you to _____
_____. (1:28)

"...but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ." (Eph. 4:15, see 1 Cor. 3:1-3)

4) by _____ while
relying on God's. (1:29-2:1)

"...we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field." (1 Cor. 3:9)

*"For I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
(Phil. 4:13)*

"For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God." (1 Thess. 2:9)

5) by reminding you _____. (2:2-5)

"For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:2)

6) by urging you to _____
to prove that you _____ and to
show _____ to God for it. (2:6-7)

*"...work out your salvation through fear and trembling."
(Phil. 2:12)*

**"...so that we may present everyone
fully mature in Christ" (Col. 1:28b, NIV)**