

**Colossians 1:27**, *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.*

**What Does “Christ in you, the hope of glory” Mean?**  
(Colossians 3:1-11)

**Christ In You Means...**

- **Set Your Heart And Mind On Things Above**  
(Colossians 3:1-2)
- **Put To Death The Sins Of The Flesh**  
(Colossians 3:3-5)  
**Psalm 51:10**, *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*
- **Your Relationships Draw Others To Christ**  
(Colossians 3:7)

**Our Relationships Draw Others To Christ, When We...**

- 1) **Rid Ourselves Of RELATIONAL SINS**  
(Colossians 3:8-9)
  - **A-ANGER** - Habitual Angry Attitude
  - **R-RAGE** - Temper Tantrum
  - **M-MALICE** - Hidden Hatred That Seeks Revenge
  - **S-SLANDER** - Verbal Attack On Someone’s Character
  - **L-LANGUAGE** - Foul Talk Or Course Language
  - **L-LYING** - Untruth Or Half Truth That Breeds Suspicion(Hebrews 12:15, Colossians 4:6)
- 2) **Renew Ourselves In The IMAGE OF CHRIST**  
(Colossians 3:10)

**Matthew 11:19**, *The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”*

**Luke 5:27**, *After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, <sup>28</sup>and Levi got up, left everything and followed Him. <sup>29</sup>Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. <sup>30</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to His disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

3) **Break Down UNHOLY BARRIERS**  
(Colossians 3:11)

**The Church Should Not Set Up:**

- **EDUCATIONAL** - Barriers Need to Be Destroyed
- **ECONOMIC** - Barriers Need to be Destroyed
- **ETHNIC** - Barriers Need to be Destroyed

**Two Closing Action Steps:**

- 1) **Explore God Campaign:** Please prayerfully consider hosting a discussion group at your house September 13-October 25. Fill out the bottom of the Explore God insert and take it to the Explore God table in the Atrium or drop it in a Tithe and Offering Box.
- 2) **Communion:** Cross some Educational, Economic or Ethnic Barriers today as you move to the Communion table. Go out of your way to introduce yourself to someone you don’t know. In doing so, you will be renewing yourself in the “image of your Creator.”