

Colossians 1:1-14 recap.....

- Whom does Paul say is with him as he writes this letter?

(What might the purpose be for Timothy's company base on 1st Corinthians 16:21 & Galatians 6:11?)

- Paul writes that by this time the gospel has gone into _____
- The Colossians learned the gospel from _____ (1:7)
- The apostle writes that God has _____ us to share in the inheritance of the saints in _____
- He also says that they had been rescued from the domain of _____ and transferred into the _____ of his beloved son in whom we have _____, the forgiveness of sins

1:15-29

- 1) Jesus is described in the text two ways:

- a) The _____ of the invisible God
- b) The _____ of all creation

- 2) Without apology, Paul writes that Jesus _____ all things, including things that can be _____ and those that cannot, and things in the _____ and those on _____

- 3) What does Paul affirm in 1:17 that the apostle Peter also affirms in 2nd Peter 3:7

- 4) Paul notes several more things about Jesus here:

- a) He is the head of the _____ or the _____
- b) He is the beginning, or _____ from the dead
- c) He will come to have _____ in _____
- d) All the _____ dwells in him
- e) Through Jesus, God will _____ all things to himself
- f) The reconciliation, or _____ will be through Jesus' _____

- 5) For what purpose have we been reconciled according to this letter (1:22)? What is the condition set here for this intent?

- 6) What is reaffirmed here (1:23) that was first stated in 1:5-6? Where would you go according to this instructor (me) for the significance of these affirmations?
- 7) How would you describe what the apostle says about his sufferings in verse 24 to a new Christian or a non-believer?
- 8) For whose benefit did Paul say he was made a minister and what lesson, if any, is there in his words for us?
- 9) What passages might you reference from the Old Testament writings with regard to the *"mystery which has been hidden from the ages"* mentioned in 1:26?
- 10) The apostle succinctly describes the glory of the mystery as " _____
_____", 1:27
- 11) Describe, as Paul describes, the purpose for the ministry of proclaiming the gospel.