

Why bother with gospel labour? (Col. 1:24-2:5)

What do you look for in a church/ministry?

The most important criteria

But are we sure? After all...1:24, 29; 2:1...

Why does he bother with gospel labour? What makes it worthwhile?

Because God has given us...

1. One precious treasure

The language of fulness

Why?

So Paul tells us 2:2-3

ALL the treasures

3 of its wonderful features

- The full realisation of God's plan (1:26)
- Christ has taken up full residence in us (1:27)

- Christ brings us to full maturity (1:28)

2. A primary aim

A stewardship

"He is the one we *proclaim*"

- admonishing
- teaching

Word Ministry: Not just pulpit but people ministry

3. A power source

The meaning of Paul's suffering (1:24)

The good news – Christ's energy

...so you can rejoice!