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Making sense of the Mystery - Colossians 1:15-29

Why do some people like mysteries?

I get to use my mind to figure out the clues to determine the truth.

The closer I get to the end the more excited I get because I become more certain.

I won't know until the end if I'm right or not.

Paul's Pray regarding their new reality

All things find their true meaning **"in Christ"** - All created through and for Him – Supreme

Foolishness: Believing the world works or should work in a way it does not work. **Ps 53:1-3**

Foolishness: Naïve, Defiant and Reckless, Godless

Filled with the Father's essence to reconcile – to what length will you go for reconciliation?

Through the ultimate sacrifice through ultimate shame

Once outsiders because of your goals and focus

Now insiders: without blemish-free from accusation

If you continue in faith – and do not move from your hope

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Paul has bought into the reconciliation project: Rejoices in suffering for their sake, Church, Body

Body issues, Body image

From its literal Greek roots, *atrophy* would mean basically "lack of nourishment".

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 Rampant Self-serving, Self-glorifying Individualism

2 Corinthians 4:13-16 Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

1 Corinthians 15:56-28 your labor in the Lord is not vain.

How do you strive to fully live out the mystery?

What is the hope you live for?

How do you gauge your spiritual maturity?

We are the body of Christ, His fullness in the world