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(24) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church:

(25) Of which I am made a minister, according to the stewardship of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;

(26) *Even* the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is revealed to His saints:

(27) To whom God would make known what *are* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles {non-Jews}; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect {spiritually mature} in Christ Jesus:

(29) For this reason I also labor, striving according to His working, Who mightily works in me.

Chapter 2

(1) Because I want you to know what great conflict I have for you, and *for* those at Laodicea, and *for* as many as who have not seen my face in the flesh;

(2) That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

(3) In Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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