

A THREAD RUNS THROUGH IT

“Thread” – Part 1 of 6

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Colossians 1:24-29 & Ephesians 1:15-23

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²⁶*This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to his own holy people. ²⁷For it has pleased God to tell his people that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. For this is the secret: Christ lives in you, and this is your assurance that you will share in his glory.*

Colossians 1:26-27 (NLT)

FAR MORE IS GOING ON THAN MEETS THE EYE

I. THREE ETERNAL TRUTHS ABOUT REALITY’S STORY

- Things are _____.
- The epic _____.
- You have _____.

²¹*And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife. Genesis 3:21 (NLT)*

¹³*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Psalm 139:13 (NLT)*

When we proudly display our righteous deeds, we find they are but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall. And our sins, like the wind, sweep us away. Isaiah 64:6b (NLT)

¹²*This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12 (NIV)*

¹⁴*Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

Romans 13:14 (NIV)

⁵*All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.*

Revelation 3:12 (NLT)

I. YOUR PARTICIPATION IN HIS STORY TODAY DEPENDS ON...

1. HOW YOU _____.

²⁴*I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am completing what remains of Christ’s sufferings for his body, the church. ²⁵God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his message in all its fullness to you Gentiles. ²⁶This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to his own holy people.*

Colossians 1:24-26 (NLT)

2. WHO YOU _____.

²⁷*For it has pleased God to tell his people that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. Colossians 1:27a (NLT)*

3. WHO YOU’RE _____.

²⁸*So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. Colossians 1:28 (NLT)*

²⁹*I work very hard at this, as I depend on Christ’s mighty power that works within me. Colossians 1:29 (NLT)*