

Colossians Series

Lesson #33

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Praise Him, Praise Him

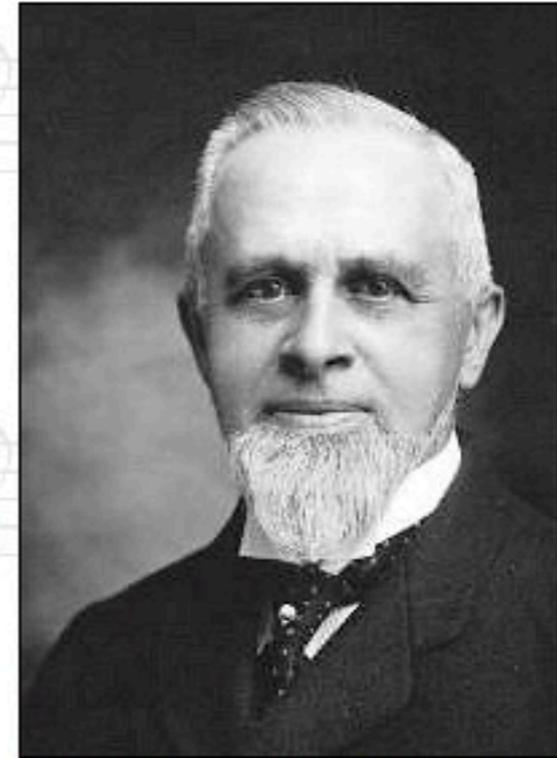
Lyrics: Fanny Crosby

Music: William Howard Doane

Born: February 3, 1832, Preston, Connecticut.

Died: December 23, 1915, Rhode Island.

Buried: Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, Cincinnati, Ohio.



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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a dark hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

**What Treasure
Are You Seeking?
Colossians 2:2–4**

Matt. 6:19, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

Matt. 6:20, “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matt. 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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πληροφορία

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state of complete certainty, *full assurance, certainty;*

gen of source,

“riches which come from, or result from, the full assurance”

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Two problems:

Textual: “mystery of God, of Christ”

“mystery of God, *even or and* Christ”

“mystery of God, Christ”

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”

Col. 1:27, “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

Eph. 3:8, “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

Eph. 3:9, “and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

Eph. 3:11, “according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,”

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ἀπόκρυφος (*apokryphos*), hidden; used in the sense of something that is unrevealed, or the meaning has not yet been made clear.

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Gr. *gnosis, epignosis*

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2 Chron. 1:10, “Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”

2 Chron. 1:11, “Then God said to Solomon: ‘Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life—but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king—

2 Chron. 1:12, “wisdom and knowledge are granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who were before you, nor shall any after you have the like.”

Isa. 33:6, “Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure.”

Isa. 47:10, “For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, ‘No one sees me’; your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’ ”

Rom. 11:33, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”

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παραλογίζομαι (*paralogizomai*), cheat, deceive, delude.

A negative form of *logizomai*, to calculate, reckon, consider. It connotes deception, cheating by false reasoning. This particularly applies to deception related to deception from false teaching.

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πιθανολογία (*pithanologia*), persuasive speech, art of persuasion. From *peitho*, “to convince, persuade.”

Acts 20:28, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Acts 20:29, “For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:30, “Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.”

2 Tim. 2:7, “Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.”