

**“The Marks of the Mystery of Christ at Work in His Church” 11/30/08
Colossians 2:1-7**

Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”
Anyone ever have a personal trainer? Anyone see the Rocky movies?
What would the church look like if we had Jesus as our personal trainer?

POINT 1- The mystery of Christ in us should produce these CHARACTERISTICS

- A. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by the care of His LEADERS
(2 Cor 12:15; Phil 1:7; 2 Cor 11:28; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Peter 5:1-2)
1) Prayer; 2) Encouragement; 3) Time; 4) Love; 5) Focus
- B. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by our hearts being STRENGTHENED
(Jer 17:9; Matt 12:34-35; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Matt 22:37)
1) Prayer; 2) Repentance; 3) Study; 4) Fellowship; 5) Serving
- C. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by being held together with LOVE
(Col 2:19; 1 Peter 4:8; John 13:35; 1 John 3:16-18; Prov 19:11)
1) Forgiveness; 2) Tolerance; 3) Accountability; 4) Support each other
in time of joy and sorrow; 5) Hospitality to each other and visitors;
6) Don't wait for someone else to do it.
- D. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by enjoying rich ASSURANCE
(Matt 13:10-18; 1 Cor 2:10-14; Ephesians 3:4-6; 2 Peter 1:3-4)
1) Are you growing in knowledge? What distracts you? Novels? Tv?
Video games? Sports? 2) Do you base your assurance on feelings?
- E. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by us being ORDERLY and FAITHFUL
(1 Corinthians 9:27; 14:40- “orderly manner”; 1 Cor 4:1; Matt 25:21)
1) Are you disciplined and faithful in your personal life? Prayer? Study
of the Word? Evangelism? Righteousness? 2) Are we as a church?
- F. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by us walking as HE WALKED
(1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21; John 13:15; 15:10; 1 Cor 11:1; Acts 20:32)
1) Make an effort to actually live as Jesus lived; 2) Ask for conviction
- G. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by a grateful ATTITUDE
(Ps 100:4; Phil 4:6; Colossians 3:15; 4:2; Hebrews 13:15)
1) Are you a thankful person? Or are you a complainer? Phil 2:14.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Going Deeper God wants you to allow Jesus who lives in you to train you in Living!