

COLOSSIANS

A *life* WORTH LIVING

Part 1 – Care About Others Colossians 1:24-29

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I. WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARD **SUFFERING**? (Colossians 1:24)

A. *Colossians 1:24* “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for **your** sake...”

B. *2 Corinthians 11:23-28* “I have been put in jail... been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. ²⁴ Five different times the Jews gave me thirty-nine lashes. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. ²⁶ I have traveled many weary miles. I have faced danger from flooded rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the stormy seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be Christians but are not. ²⁷ I have lived with weariness and pain and sleepless nights. Often I have been hungry and thirsty and have gone without food. Often I have shivered with cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. ²⁸ Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of how the churches are getting along.” (NLT)

C. Are we going to pay the price to leave a Godly legacy for others even if it means we have to **suffer**, even if we have to pay a price to do so?

D. *John 15:20* “If they persecuted Me they will persecute you also.”

In my love and service to Christ, on your behalf, I get to suffer for God just like Jesus suffered. What a **privilege**!

E. Lord, I am willing to be that person you use to benefit others even if it means **pain** for me.

F. *Philippians 3:10* “I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,…” (NLT)

II. WHAT’S MY REASON FOR **SERVING**? (Colossians 1:25)

A. *Colossians 1:25* “I became a minister and servant by God’s call upon my life so I could benefit you.”

B. Every Christian is a **minister** for Christ.

C. We give ourselves away to care for others out of our **love for God**.

III. AS I LOVE OTHERS, WHAT IS THE **GREATEST GOAL** I COULD HELP THEM ACCOMPLISH? (Colossians 1:28 & Colossians 2:1-2)

A. As we love others and strive to help meet their needs, our ultimate expression of love toward them is to make **Christ known** to them so they can take the next step of Life Change in Christ. That is what real love for someone else is ultimately about.

B. Helping someone with a physical need or an emotional need is important but if it stops there, what have we really accomplished that is **lasting**?

C. I know you are going through some tough times and so I pray night and day in **agony** that you will be encouraged and that you would stand knit together in love and you will experience the ultimate meaning to life – to fully know Jesus Christ, Himself for **nothing** will make a greater positive difference in your life. (Paul, Colossians 2:1-2)

IV. WHAT IS MY **SOURCE** OF STRENGTH? (Colossians 1:27, 29)

A. *Colossians 1:27* “Christ **in you**, the hope of glory.”

John 14:16-20 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ²⁰ When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (NLT)

B. *Colossians 1:29* “For this purpose also I labor, striving according to Christ’s power, which mightily works within me.” (NASB)

*“Christ’s power which so powerfully works **within me.**”*

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