



**WELCOME!** In this Sunday morning series, we're studying verse-by-verse through the book of Colossians, one of Paul's letters to the early churches. It makes clear the supremacy of Jesus Christ, the one who is above all earthly struggles, relationships, and authorities — then *and* now. We're glad you've joined us in worship today!

## Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH  
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **LORD'S SUPPER, NEXT WEEK:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **CHILD DEDICATION, OCTOBER 4:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, NOVEMBER 8:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

### I. Paul rejoiced in suffering — Colossians 1:24

🔍 *Further Reference: Psalm 34:18; Lamentations 3:21-23; Mark 13:7-8*

- » Paul was *filling up what was lacking in Christ's afflictions* in the sense that Paul was helping to fill up the fixed measure of suffering the church will endure as they await Christ's second coming.

### II. Paul knew his calling — Colossians 1:25-27

🔍 *Further Reference: 2 Timothy 1:8-14*

- » Paul was called to be a minister of the gospel, make it known, and to do so specifically to the Gentiles.
- » Believers are called to ministry as well.
- » Paul revealed the mystery that the Holy Spirit would dwell within the Gentiles.

### III. Paul labored in faith — Colossians 1:28-29

🔍 *Further Reference: Romans 7:18-25*

- » Paul proclaimed Christ, and it involved both warning and teaching.
- » Paul labored in order to present others mature in Christ.
- » Paul did not labor in his own strength. Paul's ability to labor well came from his dependence upon Christ and the power He gives.

## Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS  
IN THE SPACE BELOW

## Takeaways

## PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » How do Paul's words here speak to your struggles?
- » What effects could rejoicing in suffering have?
- » When have you seen Jesus in the midst of your suffering?
- » How do you feel Christ might be calling you to minister?
- » What next steps could you take toward depending on Jesus?
- » What questions are you still wrestling with after today?

## Announcement

FEATURED NEWS  
FOR YOU TODAY



Moms, we hope you and your junior officers can join us for this year's military-themed evening of games, competition, and strategy! Costs \$20 per family.

Enlist today in the **Church Center app** or on the web at [gcwf.link/signup](https://gcwf.link/signup)

- » **WHEN:** Sunday evening, September 27 at 5:30 PM
- » **WHERE:** The Gym at Grace Church
- » **WHO:** Moms (any age) and their sons (up to 5th grade)
- » **COST:** \$20 per mom — no charge for additional boys
- » **DEADLINE:** Must register by Wednesday, September 23

## Learn More

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS  
AND FIND INFORMATION

**WELCOME CENTER:** Stop by and talk with us this morning

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** Calendar, news, and more info

**WEBSITE:** Find detailed info online at [gracechurch.com](https://gracechurch.com)

**CHURCH CENTER APP:** Stay connected and go paperless

