

Sermon Notes for Young People

May 5, 2019 | Colossians 1:24, "Purpose in Suffering"

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Joy in Suffering

1. From where does Christian joy come?
 - a. Is Paul saying here that he has joy *in the midst of* suffering?
 - b. Is Paul saying here that he has joy *in spite of* suffering?
2. How is Paul using the word "now" here?
3. How Can Suffering Bring Joy?
 - a. Assurance of _____
 - b. Suffering Enhances _____
 - c. Suffering Brings _____
 - d. Suffering Can Result in the _____
 - e. Christian Suffering Frustrates _____
4. Application
 - a. Are bad circumstances inherently good?

- b. When you suffer, be sure you are suffering ...

B. Christ's Afflictions

1. Why is this a "gotcha" verse?
 - a. Has Paul contradicted himself?
 - b. What has Paul made clear up to this point?
 - c. How are the words *afflictions* and *sufferings* used differently in the New Testament?
 2. What Does Paul have in view here?
 - a. Because Paul is a part of Christ's body, what does that mean for what Paul endures?
 - b. What Paul endures is intended for whom?
 3. Applications
- ### C. On Behalf of the Church
1. How is Paul enduring this FOR the church?
 2. How does the Church at Colossae (or Fort Oglethorpe) benefit from Paul's suffering?
 3. How does this show the importance of connection to the local church?

III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: