

Colossians: Fighting Heresy and Preserving Purity
(Part 5) The Privilege of Suffering for Christ

Suffering is a _____ concept for modern western Christianity

More specifically, as citizens of the United States, we have no real idea what it means to truly suffer

Paul familiar with imprisonment and suffering for the sake of the _____

He suffered much affliction and made the ultimate sacrifice for the kingdom (2 Cor. 4:16-18)

(Colossians 1:24-2:4) Suffering for Christ is not a _____ but a _____

(v.24-25) Paul is in prison for sharing the “_____” message of the Gospel

He sees his imprisonment as sharing in the _____ of Christ, who made the ultimate sacrifice

He is primarily imprisoned because the Jews _____ him for preaching the message of Christ

(v.26-27) Revealing the secret of God’s grace to all people not just the Jews

Gentiles are included and can be _____ of salvation

Counteracts false teaching that God’s _____ is just for a select few

(v.28-29) Paul is not a complete Calvinist

The atonement of Christ is not _____ to just a few select people

Christ is for all who will hear and receive the _____

(2:1) Fighting a hard battle for those of the faith

Paul has never met the Colossian believers, but is still concerned that they are being led astray

He admits to agonizing (great _____ anguish) over the spiritual danger they are encountering

Similar to Jesus agonizing in prayer at Gethsemane (Luke 22:29-46)

What he could not do in person he left to _____

He was not just struggling due to his own circumstances, he was contending for their _____

(2:2-4) Encouraging others in the midst of your own _____

(v.2) Be knit together in the strong bonds of love (John 13:35)

Have complete _____ in God’s plan thru Christ

(v.3) Christ is the source of all wisdom and knowledge

(v.4) Don’t be deceived by well crafted arguments and fancy _____ talk

How concerned are you for the eternity of others?

Are you willing to endure hardship for sharing the entire truth of the gospel?