

# Class 2: Colossians 1.24-2.5

## “Serving the Son of God”

### Introduction, 1.24-27<sup>1</sup>

- Previous class: “Supremacy of the Son of God” - Christ’s identity
- Tonight’s class: “Serving the Son of God” - Paul’s intention

### 1. Rejoice When You Suffer for Christ’s Body, 1.24-2.1

- a. Paul<sup>2</sup> - Acts 9.15
- b. Jesus - Is 53.3, Matt 8.17, Act 1.3
- c. Us - Mk 10.29-31. Also, Matt 5.12, Lk 6.23, Act 5.41, 14.22, Rom 8.17, 1 Thess 3.3-7, Jms 1.2, 1 Pet 1.6, 4.13, 16. 2 Cor 1:5, 2 Cor 4:17.

### 2. Accept the Commission to Present the Word of God, 1.25, 28, 2.4<sup>3</sup>

#### **For discussion:**<sup>4</sup>

How can we practise these three ways of presenting the word of God?

How does each one work when you are doing them?

How does it feel when they are being done to you?

What is the best way to prepare to do them?

What is the best way to respond when they are done to you?

<sup>1</sup> Background handout here: <https://db.tt/MfnZRbnE>

<sup>2</sup> The sufferings Paul endured for the gospel seem never to have been to him a source of perplexity or of sadness." Vaughan, Curtis. Colossians. Expositor’s Bible Commentary 11. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelein and J. D. Douglas. Accordance electronic edition, version 1.7. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978.

<sup>3</sup> “We proclaim him, admonishing **every man** and teaching **every man** with all wisdom, so that we may present **every man** complete in Christ.” (Colossians 1:28 CENT).

<sup>4</sup> You’ll not complete this in the class, but the questions form a basis for a helpful spiritual discussion with a good friend, or group of friends in the church.

- a. Proclaim - kataggelloœ: announce, declare, preach. A solemn or public proclamation.
- b. Admonish - noutheteoœ: to warn, admonish.
- c. Teach<sup>5</sup> - didaskoœ: to teach
  - Heb 3.12, 12.15, Rom 15.14

### 3. Contend with all the Energy Christ Works in You, 1.29-2.1

- a. W.....: 4.3, 13
- b. C.....: Philm .10
- c. G.....: Philm .12
- d. P.....: 1.3, 9, also 4.2, 4.12

I can imitate this heart by ..... this week

### Conclusion, 2.4-5

- Rejoice
- Accept
- Contend

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#### **Questions for prayer, reflection and discussion:**

- Has God been trying to get your attention about rejoicing, accepting or contending?
- If so, what will it look like to grow in the area God has shown you?
- Is there a decision to be made so as to be able to grow?
- What can you do to make sure your motivation is Christ?
- What can you do to make sure your strength comes from him?

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<sup>5</sup> "We teach the ignorant, and admonish them that are already taught." Wesley, John. Wesley's Notes on the Bible. Accordance electronic edition, version 1.3. Altamonte Springs: OakTree Software, 1997.