



RENFREW AM NOTES

MESSAGE/SERIES:

A CONTINUING MISSION “**Certain Suffering for the Saint**”-*Pastor Michael Baker*

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK: *Colossians 1:24-29, 2 Corinthians 1:5, Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 7:4, Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 9:15-16, Colossians 2:2, Ephesians 1:18-23*

OPENING SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:24-29

²⁴ "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Col 1:24-29.

Suffering For the Sake of His body..

OUTLINE:

I. Rejoice in the Mission of Suffering

24 “*Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake...*”

- **Suffering:** πάθημα (*pathēma*), ατος (*atos*), τό (*to*): *n.neu.*; ≡ Str 3804; TDNT 5.930—1. LN 24.78 **suffering**, misfortune, take on **hardships**
- **2 Timothy 1:11-12** “**Guard** what I have entrusted to Him...”= φυλάσσομαι (*phylassomai*), φυλάσσω (*phylassō*): vb.; ≡ DBLHebr 9068; Str 5442; TDNT 9.236-- 2. LN 37.120 guard closely, watch, keep in custody (Ac 12:4); 4. LN 37.119 φυλάσσω φυλακάς (*phylassō phylakas*), guard during the watches of the night
 - “*He is Guarding*”
- **Acts 9:15-16**

II. Rejoice in the Mission of Suffering for the sake of others

24 “*...my sufferings for your sake...*”

- *Have you thought of how many times your hardships your afflictions are for the Church?*
 - Your **physical struggles** may be used to strengthen others who are watching your faith on display...
 - Your **emotional strain** (Family/job/relational) may be for those who don't have your faith and are going through the same thing... maybe you can't see the end but you know your God will Guard you until that day
- *Have you thought of how many times your hardships are for the Gospel's progress?*
 - *God has given you a life to live for Him and He will sustain it until He is ready to bring you Home... so rejoice in your suffering* my brother or sister

- **God has placed in you a treasure/ His gospel and He will guard that message...** so walk on even in the suffering and the trials so that that message may be heard...Rejoice child of God you are His!

III. Rejoice in the Mission of Suffering as it is a Continuation of Christ's Suffering for His Bride

24 *"I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions..."*

- **Philippians 2:30**

Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words: Lack, Lacking

- "that which is lacking" [KJV, "that which is behind" (of the afflictions of Christ)], where the reference is not to the vicarious sufferings of Christ but to those which He endured previously, and those which must be endured by His faithful servants; 1 Thess. 3:10, where "that which is lacking" means that which Paul had not been able to impart to them, owing to the interruption of his spiritual instruction among them; (b) "need, want, poverty,"
 - **"What was lacking"** *says nothing about the suffering and sacrifice Christ already endured for us as that is a finished work...*
 - Christ did not have a place to lay His head much of His earthly ministry=*we may not have the nicest things but we are not here for the stuff*

=Does that mean Christians can't have nice things...No it just means we are called to be kingdom minded and suffering through many elements like Christ will occur...

- **Examples:** *Christ was not wealthy, Christ was not famous because he was cool... People wanted to be fed & wanted healing are the reasons they followed Jesus.*

24 “for the sake of his body, that is, the church”

- *We suffer because we have been given an identification that draws fire in today's times...*
- *Our identification as a Christian connects us all together as brothers and sisters*
- *We love him so we serve and suffer a little sometimes*
- *We love our family in Christ so we suffer a little for one another sometimes*
 - *Suffering for the sake of the church...means that what we go through has purpose in everyone else's life and we have kingdom effect...*

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=if you want the church to grow be willing to suffer a little for the sake of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

- **2 Corinthians 1:5**
- **Romans 5:1-5**

**God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.**

-----Message from Pastor Michael-----
Church,

Sometimes we feel as if we suffer for no reason. Sometimes our trials and our loss in this life do not make any sense, but we find in our study today we can rejoice in the journey that includes suffering as it has a purpose in our lives and in the lives of our brothers and sister. He is growing us through the one anothering process we find here in colossians 1:24-29 and in Romans 5:1-5. I Love God's word and I love what I see Him doing in this body of believers. Has it been a tough week...Yes and I add God is good!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael

MY PERSONAL STUDY NOTES:
