SERIES: Colossians Study A HEART FOR PE PART 1

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Colossians 1:21-22 (NIV)

"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation"

MY ATTITUDE TOWARD SUFFERING

Colossians 1:24 (NLT)

I rejoice when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for His body, the church.

PAUL REJOICED IN HIS SUFFERING

Acts 9:15-16 (NLT)

But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is My chosen instrument to take My message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. And I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

II Corinthians 11:23-25 (NLT)

Are they servants of Christ? I know I sound like a madman, but I have served Him far more! I have worked harder, been put in prison more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea.

PAUL SUFFERED FOR OTHERS

Colossians 1:24 (NLT)

I rejoice when **I suffer for you** in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for His body, the church.

John 15:13 (NLT) There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

THE RIGHT EXPECTATION ABOUT SUFFERING

Colossians 1:24 (NLT) I rejoice when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for His body, the church.

John 15:20 (NLT)

Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted Me, naturally they will persecute vou. And if they had listened to Me, they would listen to you.

REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Colossians 1:24 (NLT)

I rejoice when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for His body, the church.

> Galatians 6:2 (NIV) Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

NEXT WEEK: A HEART FOR PEOPLE - PART 2

We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders. Thank you for joining us!

TEACHING NOTE