

## Colossians: Positive Living in a Negative Culture - Part 7

### *Reservations Confirmed*

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One Church - Two Locations

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Colossians 1:24-29 (CSB) *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for His body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I have become its servant, according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup>God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.*

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT) *Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

Paul is not saying Jesus' atonement on the cross was deficient, and Paul must make up for what Jesus lacked! Christians are the body of Jesus. People will attack Christians today just like they attacked Jesus.

- *Pastor John MacArthur listed three things that brought deep internal suffering to Paul.*

#### 1. Lost people, especially his people, the Jews

Romans 9:1-3 (CSB) *I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience testifies to me through the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the benefit of my brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood*

- Warning Lost People about Sin and Judgment

#### 2. Carnal Christians

1 Corinthians 5:1 (CSB) *It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even tolerated among the Gentiles—a man is sleeping with his father's wife.*

- Warning Christians to live a Godly life

### 3. False teachers

Acts 20:30-31 (CSB) *Men will rise up even from your own number and distort the truth to lure the disciples into following them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for three years I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.*

- Warning people to know God's Word -- Read and study the Bible.

#### 7 Feasts of Israel - Leviticus 23

1. Passover - Jesus Crucified (Passover lamb)
2. Unleavened Bread (Pure body, No sin in Jesus)
3. First Fruits - Resurrection (First fruit of those who died 1 Corinthians 15)
4. Feast of Weeks or Pentecost (Holy Spirit came)
5. Feast of Trumpets (Next in line) (Sundown October 2 - Sundown October 4)
6. Day of Atonement - Judgment (Tribulation)
7. Feast of Tabernacles or Booths - (Millennium)

Luke 17:6-30 (CSB) *"Just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup>People went on eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage until the day Noah boarded the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup>It will be the same as it was in the days of Lot: People went on eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building. <sup>29</sup>But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup>It will be like that on the day the Son of Man is revealed.*

- We are living in the days Jesus predicted in His sermon.
- Noah Genesis 6:5-8 Lot Genesis 19:12-14

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (CSB) *For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord's coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

1 John 5:11-13 (CSB) *And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*