

Colossians
11 – Suffering for the Church
Colossians 1:24-27
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- I. The Suffering Endured in Paul's Ministry (verse 24)
 - .A. Paul's present state of suffering

 - B. Paul's rejoicing while suffering

 - C. Paul's participation in Christ's suffering

- II. The Responsibility Fulfilled in Paul's Ministry (verses 25-25)
 - A. Paul became a minister of the church(es)

 - B. His responsibility was to fully proclaim the Word of God

 - C. His focal point was the mystery of the gospel of Christ

 - D. The gospel is a mystery because it is only learned from the Word of God through the work of the Spirit of God

- III. Applications
 - A. Be sure to think of suffering for the sake of the church with a sufficiently wide scope.

 - B. Be mindful and prayerful of those in leadership in the church, that the greatest and most intense suffering will fall on them.

 - C. The Word of God must be our focus and the gospel of Jesus Christ the center point.