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**Message Series:** The Supremacy of Jesus Christ, Pt. 5

Colossians 1:19, 20, 23

## **1. Paul: Suffering, Serving, Sharing Jesus Christ**

Colossians 1:24-27

1) Paul's joy in suffering - "I am glad when I suffer for you..."

⇒ Paul's sufferings brought him closer to Christ and were a huge encouragement to others.

Acts 9:1-4, 15, 16

⇒ When Christ-Followers suffer—Christ also suffers for He Lives in us!

2) Paul serving and sharing "His entire message to you."

Colossians 1:25-29

⇒ Paul was a servant-manager who fully expounded God's revelation which was a "message kept secret for centuries."

Ephesians 3:3-9

**Notice:** Ephesians 3:6 "*Both, Gentiles and Jews share equally in the riches inherited by God's children.*"

Ephesians 2:12-14

⇒ How Christ loves to fill His Followers with renewed hope!

Colossians 1:4, 5, 6, 23

## **2. Paul's Purpose and Power**

Colossians 1:28, 29

1) Paul's Purpose

"**warning**" - to admonish, correct, instruct: (Gk) "nouthesia"

"**nouthetic counseling**" - to lovingly confront people out of a deep concern to help them make changes that God requires

⇒ Paul lovingly confronts not with his own ideas but from God's Word - the Bible.

Romans 15:13, 14

2) Paul's Power

Colossians 1:29

Philippians 2:12, 13

⇒ Paul and us too - will despair and fail if we don't learn and live out the Supremacy of Christ in us!

2 Corinthians 12:9, 15, 21

2 Corinthians 13:5

2 Corinthians 9:8 (KJV)