

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

In Suffering

Colossians 1:21-29

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Opening Thought Questions:

How does Jesus change us, and give us a paradigm for faithful and effective living in this world?

(21-23) We have been...

(24-27) So that we can...

(28-29) In order that we may...

Further Study

Ephesians
Acts 21-28

Rom. 6:1-4

Matt. 5:10-12

Rom. 8:11
Eph. 1:19-21

Next Week: Global Outreach Conference #1 "Undeterred"(Matt. 28:16-20)

<p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Suffering</p> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 1:21-29</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Colossians 1:21-29</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does Paul mean when he says, "And you were at one time strangers and enemies in your minds as expressed through your evil deeds..."? How were we at enmity with God before our salvation? When did you first recognize your enmity with God and your need for Jesus? 2. In verse 22, Paul says, "but now..." how does he move us from enmity with God to reconciliation with God? How does Jesus present us before the Father? How can we be without blemish and blameless before him if we still have sin in our lives? What is it that Paul identifies as the anchor to keep us established in the faith without shifting? 3. In verses 24-27 Paul explores how the hope of the gospel gives the church a paradigm through which to endure suffering. Discuss how the gospel has helped you endure personal pain, disappointment, and suffering in your own life. At the end of verse 27, what does Paul conclude as most hopeful? 4. With Christ, and the hope of glory set before us, we have a greater purpose to pursue, even thru suffering. What is that purpose, as Paul describes it in verse 28? How is Paul living out this greater purpose, even now, through his own suffering? 5. By whose power is Paul completing and enduring in the work that he was given to do? (vs. 29) Why and how is this hopeful for us? Discuss ways that God's power is evident to you as you labor and struggle in service to the gospel, for the glory of God. <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u> Ephesians Acts 21-28 Rom. 6:1-4 Matt. 5:10-12 Rom. 8:11 Eph. 1:19-21</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>