

## Study Notes:

What has been the most difficult thing you have had to endure?  
How did you get through that time?

Thinking back to Sunday's service, what encouraged you,  
inspired you, challenged you, or changed your thinking?

Of the types of suffering mentioned in Sunday's message, which  
ones have been most relevant in your life?

Which ones have been least relevant?

Read **2 Corinthians 11:24-28**.

What types of suffering did Paul endure?

How could there be joy in this type of suffering?

Read **Romans 5:1-5**.

Here Paul again mentions rejoicing and suffering together. How  
does Paul say that suffering brings rejoicing?

Read **1 Peter 4:12-19**.

Once again, suffering and rejoicing are connected, but not all  
suffering is the same. What are the two kinds of suffering Peter  
mentions?

What kind of "judgment" might Christians come under in this  
world?

How does that judgment differ from the judgment facing non-  
believers?

What does Peter say in verse 19 should be our response to the  
suffering we face for being believers?

Read **John 15:18-19**.

Do you find these words of Jesus encouraging, discouraging, or  
a bit of both?

If Christianity were outlawed in the United States, how do you  
believe self-professing Christians would respond?

## GRACE NOTES

Sunday, October 29, 2017

Series: Colossians—Jesus Is Enough

Message: Joy in Suffering

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-2:5

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*24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God 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> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

*<sup>1</sup> For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.*

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### Kinds of Suffering—

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