

THE  
BOOK  
OF

# Colossians

IN CHRIST ALONE

## REGULAR WEEKEND SERVICE TIMES

Sundays | 8:45 AM | 10:30 AM

Cornerstone Espanol | Sundays at 10:30 AM

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Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers[sister] in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth. 7 Just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant [he] He is a faithful minister of Christ on your [his] behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks [to] the Father, who has qualified you [to] share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Preeminence of Christ

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invisible, all things that have been created, by him and for him; 17 he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 19 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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### WELCOME

Welcome to Cornerstone, we're so glad you're here! This bulletin will help you learn how to get connected and share what is available to you at the service today. We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time. If you have any questions or need help, **Guest Services** in the lobby is the best place to stop!

### JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

This is our mantra! We want you to know that there is hope and His name is Jesus! We emphasize the necessity of being rightly connected to God through Him. Sin leaves us unable to save ourselves from its consequences, which is why we rely on Jesus. His death on the cross offers forgiveness and cleansing for all who trust in Him.

### COME TO JESUS

God wants to have a personal relationship with you. Sunday services are designed to help people come and know Jesus, and we'd love for you to join us again. If you're interested in church **Membership**, our class meets every 2nd Sunday at 10:30am in Room 11.

### GROW IN JESUS

We love doing life together. Every week, people come together in **Small Groups** to study God's Word and learn from each other. These groups are the perfect way to be supported in prayer, grow in your faith through Bible Study, and find life-changing relationships at Cornerstone.

### GO WITH JESUS

God's plan for your life includes serving and impacting others with the unique gifts, abilities, and passions He has given you. To learn more about joining the **Cornerstone Team**, our class meets every 3rd Sunday at 10:30am in Room 11.

CONNECT WITH US



CHURCH CENTER APP



### COFFEE



Help yourself to free coffee! You'll find coffee stations in the café by the lobby and in the fellowship hall. And don't forget to grab some cookies after the service. Enjoy!

### GUEST SERVICES



If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to visit our welcome center in the lobby, we have a special gift for you!

### KIDS PROGRAMS



We promise a clean and safe environment where children can experience the love of Jesus in services they enjoy. Our Cornerstone Kids program serves ages from babies to 5th grade. A nursery is available off the northeast corridor for kids preschool aged.

### BABY LOUNGE



This area is specifically created for families with infants. If your child becomes unsettled during the service, the Baby Lounge is located across from the nursery. You can fully view and hear the service in the room via livestream.

### GIVE TO CORNERSTONE



Giving is way we worship God and partner with Him in the good work that He is doing in Chowchilla, and throughout the world. You can give during the service when the offering bags are passed, text any dollar amount to **84321**, or online at [ccchowchilla.com](http://ccchowchilla.com).

### ONLINE MESSAGES



You can watch today's message as well as previous messages on the Cornerstone Church Center App or at [youtube.com/@cornerstonechow](https://youtube.com/@cornerstonechow).

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## CHRISTIAN SUFFERING: WHAT'S THE POINT?

Colossians 1:24 – 2:5 – Pastor Logan Beardsley

### CHRISTIAN SUFFERING: *What's the Point?*

*Paul rejoiced in his sufferings because...*

#### PAUL'S SUFFERINGS HAD A POINT:

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ God's hidden mystery: Christ \_\_\_\_\_. (1:24-26)
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ the riches of the hope of glory: Christ \_\_\_\_\_. (1:27-29)
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ for deeper understanding: Christ \_\_\_\_\_. (2:1-3)
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ for uninterrupted allegiance: Christ \_\_\_\_\_. (2:4-5)

*Paul rejoiced in his sufferings because...*

#### HE WAS PART OF SOMETHING \_\_\_\_\_ (2:5b)

#### WHAT WILL WE DO WITH OUR SUFFERINGS?

**Works Cited:** (1) N.T. Wright, *Colossians and Philemon TNTC Commentary*, (2) Peter O'Brian, *Colossians*, *Philemon Word Biblical Commentary*, (3) Phil Thomson article on the Gospel Coalition, *What Does It Mean to 'Fill Up What's Lacking in Christ's Afflictions'?* **Fill in the Blanks:** (1) display, died for you, (2) proclaim, in you, (3) intercede, for you, (4) contend, alone (5) bigger than himself.

## Colossians 1:24-2:7

April 28, 2024

1. What is a key activity you do that helps you grow in Christ?
2. Discuss something from this week's sermon or Reading Plan.
3. Read Colossians 1:24-25. "Christ's afflictions" are referring to Paul's trials that help him be more like Jesus. Why should we rejoice in our afflictions, too?
4. Read Colossians 1:2 \_\_\_\_\_ revealed in verse 27?
  - What is the result of the mystery being revealed? (verse 27)
  - What is "the hope of glory?"
5. Read Colossians 1:28-29. Look at what Paul does here. He proclaims, warns, and teaches about Christ. To what end?
  - Describe what Christian maturity looks like.
  - What steps can you take to grow in maturity?
6. Read Colossians 2:1-3. Paul struggles for the Laodiceans & the Colossians for the following things. Discuss how it would look today.
  - *Their hearts may be encouraged*
  - *Being knit together in love*
  - *To reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding*
7. Read Colossians 2:4. Paul is concerned they are not led astray by "plausible arguments," good sounding but false doctrines. Discuss what those might be today.
  - How are the things in verses 1-3 essential for not being deluded with "plausible arguments?"
8. Read Colossians 2:5-7. Discuss how the following produce maturity in Christ.
  - *As you received Christ, so walk in him (verse 6)*
  - *Rooted, built up, established in Him, just as you were taught (verse 7)*
  - *Abounding in thanksgiving (verse 7)*
9. Which area of maturity can you challenge yourself to grow in?
  - Encouraging • Loving • Understanding the gospel • Walking in Christ • Thanksgiving

**Pray for each other!**



## DON'T MISS EVENTS

### READING PLAN BOOKMARKS FOR MAY

We are reading a chapter in the Old Testament, a Psalm and a chapter in the New Testament each day in 2024. The May bookmark set is now available in the back of the sanctuary.

### FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

This **Friday, April 26th**, at 6:30pm, join us as we gather for our Friday Night Prayer Service.

### PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

Preschool Sunday will be **May 5th**, join us as we celebrate our Cornerstone Preschool.

### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

FCA's next Rally at Chowchilla Union High School is **Tuesday, May 7th**. This is FCA's final rally for this school year. More details next week.

### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Would you like to learn more about what we believe, who we are and how you can join us on our mission? If so, please come to our next New Members Class on **Sunday, May 12th**, at 10:30am in Room 11.

### SERVE CLASS

Join us **Sunday, May 19th**, for our next class at 10:30am in Room 11, to see how you can get involved and start serving on the team. We'll dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and find out what it means to make a difference with Jesus. We will connect you to the numerous opportunities at Cornerstone to serve using your God-given gifts. For more info, please contact Pastor Jonathan at [jonathan@ccchowchilla.com](mailto:jonathan@ccchowchilla.com).

### COMMUNITY NIGHT

Community Groups are in full swing. Join us for dinner at 5:30pm on Wednesdays and attend a group after at 6:00pm. CR meets at 6:15pm. Childcare is provided and the groups go until **May 22nd**.

### VBS

VBS will be held **June 10th - 14th**. Be on the lookout for ways to register your child, as well as volunteer.

### BAPTISM & PROFESSION OF FAITH

If you are interested in getting baptized, making a profession of faith, baptizing your baby, or dedicating your baby/child; please fill out a Connect Card or notify the church office to speak to a pastor.

### APRIL MISSION OFFERING: DEACONS FUND

This fund fuels the work of the Deacons who aid those in our church & community who are struggling financially. They meet with those who are going through tough times and determine ways to best support them.



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