



# UP

**A Study of Colossians**

# Dear Faithful Brother & Sister in Christ...

v. 3 ● I thank God for you! [Springing UP]

v. 9 ● I'm praying for you! [Growing UP]

v. 15 ● I want you to see Jesus for who  
He truly is! [Looking UP]

v. 24 ● I want you to know how much  
I CARE about you! [Filling UP]

# FILLED UP



**Filled Up – Colossians 1:24-2:5**

Paul is  
Shepherding  
the believers  
in Colossae.



● Ezekiel 34

I love Jesus so much...  
and I love you so much...  
that I will **GLADLY** suffer  
whatever it takes to help  
you fully mature in Christ.

We have a responsibility  
to care for each other.

- ~ Experiencing pain on each others behalf.
- ~ Courage to speak into each others lives.
  - ~ Boldness to point others to Jesus.
- ~ Concern when they head down wrong paths.

# Paul's of a Shepherd

## **Suffering** (1:24, 29; 2:1)

~ Struggle

~ Contend

~ Agonize (agonizomai)

## Colossians 1:24 ESV

*“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.”*

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There is a difference between the sacrificial suffering of Jesus on the cross—and the example of suffering that Jesus gave for us all. We do not share in His sufferings that reconciled us to God (the cross), but we DO share in His repeated acts of self-denial that build up the church.

# Paul's of a Shepherd

## **Calling** (vv. 25-27)

To present (preach!) to you the Word  
of God in ALL it's FULLNESS—  
and to REVEAL to you the  
MYSTERY of God's plan

Christ IN YOU,  
the hope of Glory!

# Paul's of a Shepherd

## Purpose (1:28; 2:2-3)

*"Jesus is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ."*

Christ first. Christ last. Christ alone.

# Paul's of a Shepherd

- Encouraged in Heart.
- United in Love.
- Rich in Understanding.

# Paul's of a Shepherd

## 4 Concern (2:4)



*Beware of  
fine-sounding  
arguments!*

Don't be deceived, thinking  
we don't need other believers  
or the church.

We need each other!  
Spiritual maturity comes  
through being UNITED in love.