

Title: **Joyful Suffering to Form a New Family**
Text: **Colossians 1:24-29**
Date: **June 9, 2024**

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Big Idea

Paul suffered joyfully to form a new family in Christ. Like Paul, we have the same Jesus living in us; the same strength, the same hope, and the same work.

1. Gist of the Text

- A. ESV
- B. Summary of main points
- C. Paraphrase
- D. NIV

2. The Motivation

- A. Why suffer
 - 1. Paul is sent to take the Gospel into pioneer Gentile contexts.
 - 2. The Gospel is the risen Christ.
 - 3. The Gospel is atonement through His blood.

B. Why rejoice

- 1. Salvation and church formation

3. The Source

- A. The power to proclaim is strength from Jesus.
- B. The hope of glory is Jesus, who is in His followers.
- C. Paul's, Colossians', and ours: the task, the power, and the hope



Reflection Questions

- In what way can you imagine completing Jesus' afflictions? Would you rejoice in that?
- What does *Jesus in you* mean to you personally?
- How will *Jesus in you* affect your proclamation of the Gospel?
- When you make disciples, what is (a) God's role, (b) other people's role, and (c) your own role?

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Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.

FAITH: The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate presses our church *upwards* in love

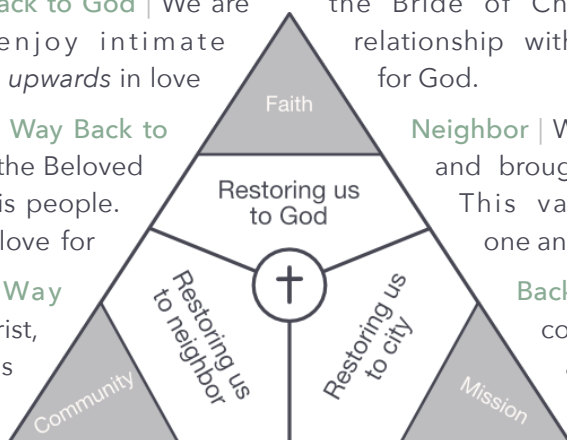
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the

Back to City | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

New Men's DNA Group - Frontline Men!

The Christian life is a battle that is worth fighting till the very end. Unfortunately, many Christian men today have all but abandoned the good fight that Christ has called us to. We often sit on the sidelines and ignore costly discipleship for the sake of comfort or avoiding fear. It is time for Christian men to get back on the frontlines of the spiritual battle. It is time for us to wage war against the kingdom of darkness and advance the kingdom of God; first in our own lives, then in the world.

The goal of this group is to call men out of the snares of isolation, sexual sin, and cultural Christianity and into a radical lifestyle of following Jesus, no matter the cost. During our gatherings, we will take time to bond with each other in fellowship, study Scripture together, encourage one another to grow in our accountability and discipleship, and pray for one another. We hope you can join!

Please scan the QR code below to find more info and a link to sign up!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Joseph at joseph.d@decisionpoint.org.

Women's Brunch & Panel Discussion!

Campbell & Cupertino Home Group:
Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools

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