



**Series:** Is God Enough?

**Sermon:** Part 3: Growing Pains

**Date:** Sunday, May 26th, 2024

How many of the things that occupy our schedules, money, thoughts, and attention have taken the place of where God is supposed to be?

*“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”  
(Matthew 6:33)*

What we think is best for us, may not actually be God’s best for us.

*“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (Mark 8:36-37)*

With the same time and tenacity that people give towards accomplishing goals that are temporal, Paul encourages these Colossian believers to put their time and energy towards seeking the \_\_\_\_\_ God.

*Scriptures referenced in sermon message: Colossians 1:24*

**Reasons For Paul’s Rejoicing:**

**1. Paul rejoices because of his suffering for \_\_\_\_\_**

*“But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.” (1 Peter 2:20-21)*

**2. Paul rejoices because He was suffering for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Paul rejoices because he was suffering for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_**

Paul knew that all this suffering was not only building his own faith and character, but that by his perseverance, he was setting an example for the young believers in the Colossian church so that they could be encouraged to stand firm in the midst of their own persecutions and trials.

*Scriptures referenced in sermon message: Colossians 1:25-29, Matthew 28:18-20*

Paul is saying that because God is a priority in his life, it doesn’t matter how hard things get, because as a result Paul will find comfort in God and others will find new life in Christ.



Do you have people in your life that will tell you the complete truth about God? Or only what is convenient to follow?

We are better together and we are each other's mirrors that lovingly point out our blind spots so that we can address such shortcomings and \_\_\_\_\_ into Christlikeness.

*Scriptures referenced in sermon message: Colossians 2:1-5*

**Evidence of Maturity in Christ**

1. That their hearts may be \_\_\_\_\_
2. That they are being united in \_\_\_\_\_
3. That they may have the full \_\_\_\_\_ of complete understanding
4. That they may know the mystery of God, namely \_\_\_\_\_ where all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are

**Bottom Line:** *If you are going to prioritize anything, prioritize God first.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. *If you were to answer the question "Is God a priority in your life?", what would you say? What evidence from your life affirms your answer?*
2. *How did a recent choice you made about your schedule or money reflect Jesus' priority in your life?*
3. *When it comes to God and life, what are some fine sounding arguments you have heard that you believed but found out were actually false?*
4. *Paul talked about specific marks of Christian maturity. What steps are necessary on your end in order to achieve such marks?*

*Songs used in service: This is Our God (Phil Wickham), Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship) (Hillsong Worship), Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robert Robinson), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm), Trust In God (Elevation Worship)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**