

**Preaching Christ  
Colossians 1:24-29 (CSB)**

**Slide One:**

“For it has been granted to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for him.” Philippians 1:29

**Slide Two:**

**The seven foundations (non-negotiables) of who Christ is to us:**

1. He is the image (Exact manifestations) of God. V.15
2. He is the first born (having authority and privilege) over all creation. V.15
3. He is the creator of all things. V.16
4. He is sustainer of all things. V.17
5. He is the head of the body (The Church). V.18
6. He is the first among the resurrected from the dead. V.18
7. He is supreme over everything. V.18

**Slide Three:**

**Three ways Paul delighted to share with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:**

**1. The joy of sharing in the SUFFERINGS of Christ.**

**a) The sufferings of Christ are redemptive suffering**

“For Christ also suffered for sins for once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.” 1 Peter 3:18

**b) The sufferings of Christ are mediatorial suffering.**

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.” 1Tim. 2:5-6

**Slide Four:**

**c) The sufferings of Paul are ministerial sufferings.**

“From now on, let no one cause me trouble, because I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.” Galatians 6:17

- The believers will suffer for righteousness’s sake  
“For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.” 1 Peter 2:21
- The believer suffers because we identify with Christ

“Dear Friends, don’t be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you as if something unusual were happening to you. Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed. If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.” 1Peter 4:12-13

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**2. The joy of sharing the SECRET of Christ.**

Slide six:

**3. The joy of STRIVING with the strength of Christ.**