



# COLOSSIANS



## **MAIN SCRIPTURE**

**COLOSSIANS 1: 24–29**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

**PHILIPPIANS 1:29–30**

**EPHESIANS 3:9–11**



# CONTEXT

**CH. 1 IS MOSTLY FOCUSED ON DESCRIBING CHRIST AS SUPREME. JESUS IS NOT CREATION, HE IS THE CREATOR & NOT ONLY THE GOD OF CREATION, HE IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY OVER ALL CREATED THINGS.**

**THE PENALTY FOR SIN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REMOVED BECAUSE OF HIS PERFECT SACRIFICE (THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE DEATH (CHRIST BEING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS) , THE BURIAL AND THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS) THIS REVEALED JESUS IS WHO SCRIPTURE SAYS HE IS AND HE DID WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO THUS PROVING JESUS TO BE GOD.**

**PAUL ALSO REMINDS THE CHURCH OF COLOSSIANS TO CONTINUE IN THE FAITH, REMAIN IN TRUTH (STAND FIRM), & DON'T SHIFT YOUR HOPE FROM THE GOSPEL.**

**THESE ARE FOUNDATIONAL IDEAS WHICH PAUL WILL USE TO SET UP HIS LATER POINTS. IN CHAPTERS 2, 3, AND 4, PAUL WILL EXPLAIN WHY CONTRARY CLAIMS ARE UNTRUE, AND SHOW THE RIGHT WAY FOR CHRISTIANS TO LIVE OUT WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS.**

# MAIN POINTS

**A) THERE IS A CONNECTION TO SUFFERING & FOLLOWING CHRIST (VS 24)**

**1) SUFFERING FOR CHRIST IS EXPECTED. (IT'S NORMAL)**

**2) SUFFERING FOR CHRIST IS A PRIVILEGE. (IT'S A GOOD THING NOT A BAD THING)**

**B) GOD'S PLAN TO REVEAL HIMSELF WOULD BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH JESUS AND THE CHURCH (VS 25-27)**

**C) PAUL EXPLAINS 4 WAYS WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN CHRIST. (VS 28-29)**

**1) WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM CHRIST TO THE WORLD.**

**2) WE ARE CALLED TO WARN & COUNSEL PEOPLE.**

**3) WE ARE CALLED TO TEACH / INSTRUCT PEOPLE.**

**4) WE ARE CALLED TO MATURE & GROW IN OUR FAITH & KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.**



**COLOSSIANS 1:24 NLT**

**I AM GLAD WHEN I SUFFER FOR YOU IN MY  
BODY, FOR I AM PARTICIPATING IN THE  
SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST THAT CONTINUE  
FOR HIS BODY, THE CHURCH.**

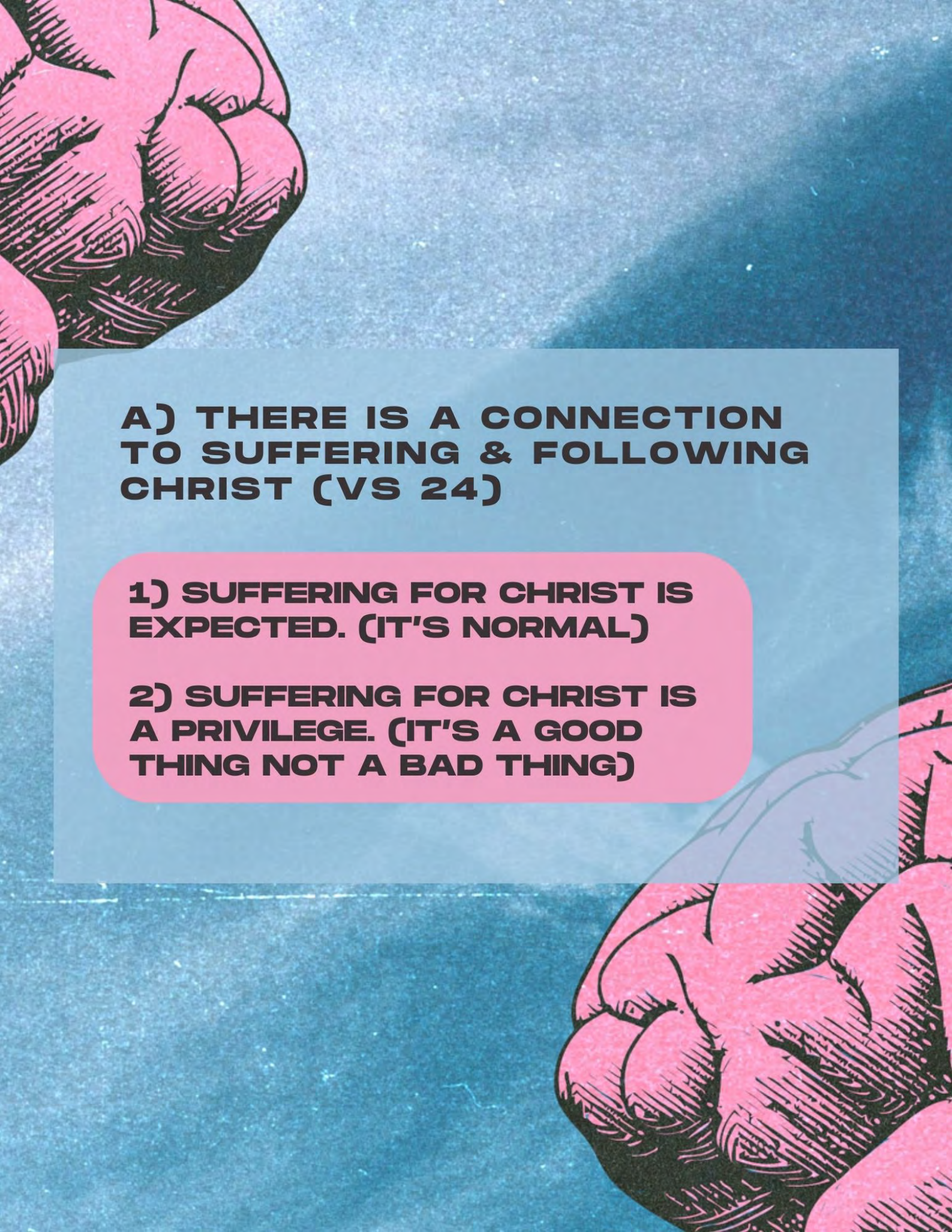
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**PHILIPPIANS 1:29–30**

**FOR YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOT ONLY THE PRIVILEGE OF TRUSTING IN CHRIST BUT ALSO THE PRIVILEGE OF SUFFERING FOR HIM. [30] WE ARE IN THIS STRUGGLE TOGETHER. YOU HAVE SEEN MY STRUGGLE IN THE PAST, AND YOU KNOW THAT I AM STILL IN THE MIDST OF IT.**

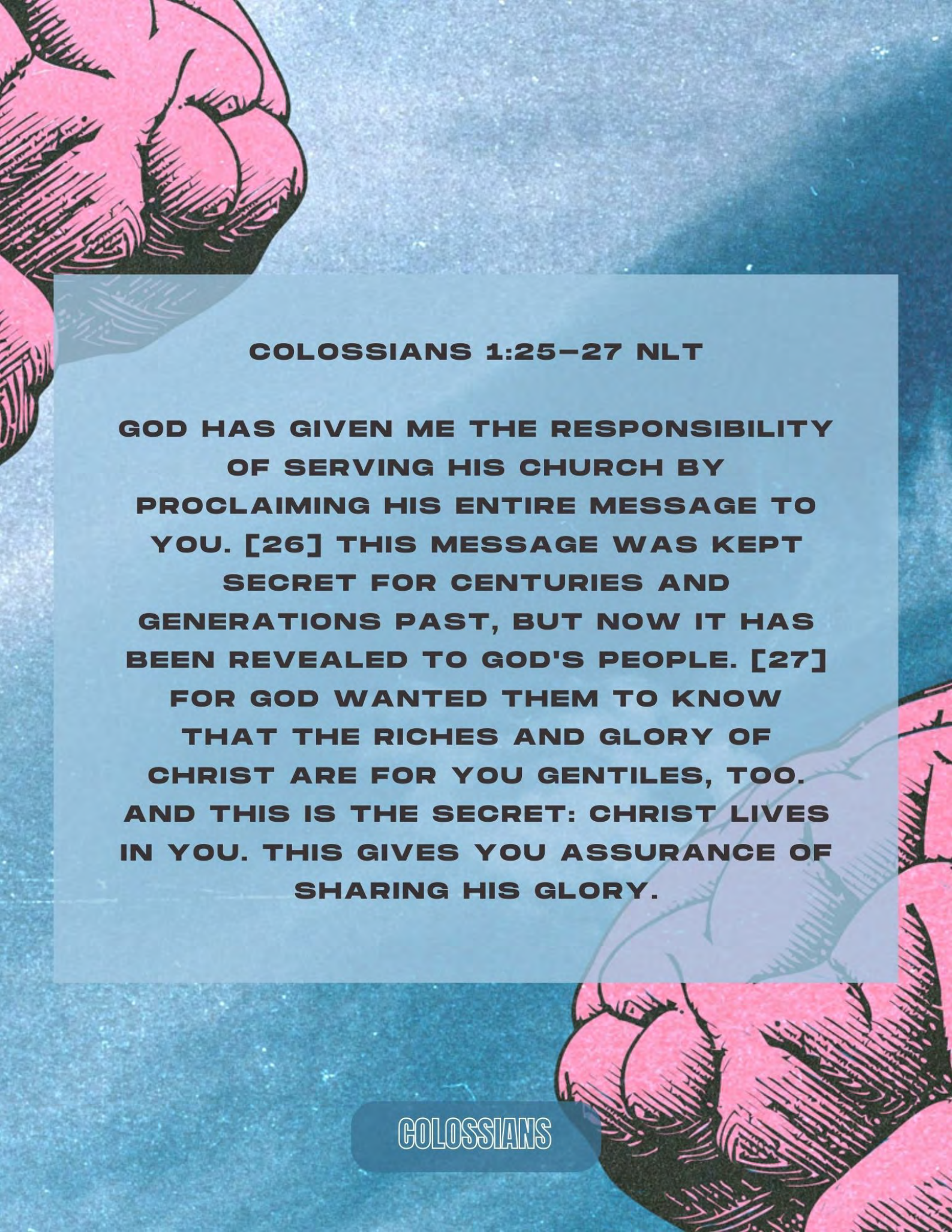
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**COLOSSIANS 1:25–27 NLT**

**GOD HAS GIVEN ME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVING HIS CHURCH BY PROCLAIMING HIS ENTIRE MESSAGE TO YOU. [26] THIS MESSAGE WAS KEPT SECRET FOR CENTURIES AND GENERATIONS PAST, BUT NOW IT HAS BEEN REVEALED TO GOD'S PEOPLE. [27] FOR GOD WANTED THEM TO KNOW THAT THE RICHES AND GLORY OF CHRIST ARE FOR YOU GENTILES, TOO. AND THIS IS THE SECRET: CHRIST LIVES IN YOU. THIS GIVES YOU ASSURANCE OF SHARING HIS GLORY.**

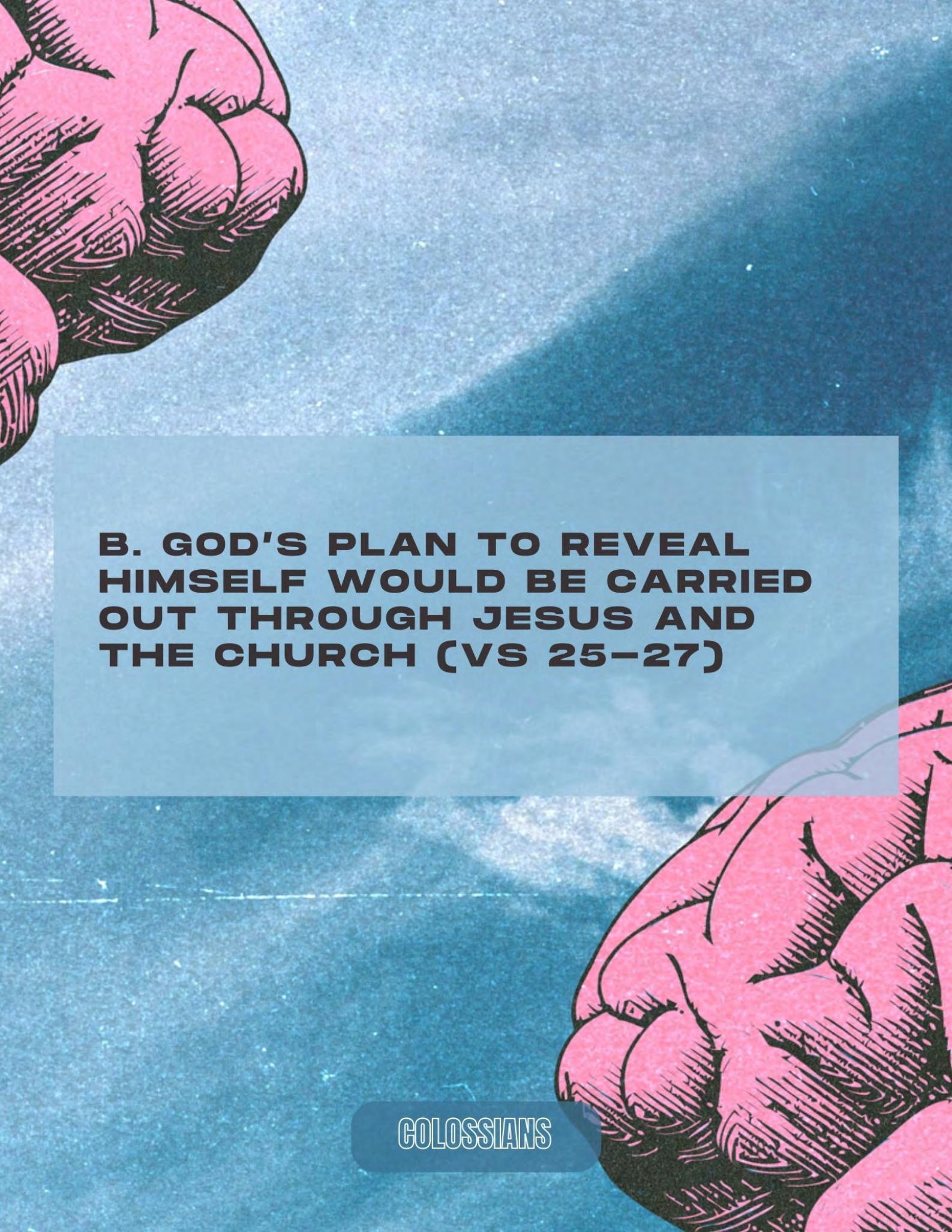
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**EPHESIANS 3:9–11**

**I WAS CHOSEN TO EXPLAIN TO EVERYONE THIS MYSTERIOUS PLAN THAT GOD, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, HAD KEPT SECRET FROM THE BEGINNING. [10] GOD'S PURPOSE IN ALL THIS WAS TO USE THE CHURCH TO DISPLAY HIS WISDOM IN ITS RICH VARIETY TO ALL THE UNSEEN RULERS AND AUTHORITIES IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES. [11] THIS WAS HIS ETERNAL PLAN, WHICH HE CARRIED OUT THROUGH CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.**



**B. GOD'S PLAN TO REVEAL  
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**COLOSSIANS 1:28–29 CSB**

**WE PROCLAIM HIM, WARNING AND  
TEACHING EVERYONE WITH ALL  
WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT  
EVERYONE MATURE IN CHRIST. [29] I  
LABOR FOR THIS, STRIVING WITH HIS  
STRENGTH THAT WORKS  
POWERFULLY IN ME.**

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## **C. PAUL EXPLAINS 4 WAYS WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN CHRIST. (VS 28-29)**

**1) WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM CHRIST TO THE WORLD.**

**(LARGER AUDIENCES)**

**2) WE ARE CALLED TO WARN & COUNSEL PEOPLE.**

**(THE USE OF THE GOSPEL AND BIBLICAL TEACHING TO HELP PEOPLE WITH PROBLEM AREAS & PRACTICAL AREAS IN LIFE)**

**3) WE ARE CALLED TO TEACH / INSTRUCT PEOPLE.**

**(INSTRUCTION, OFFERING INFORMATION TO HELP OTHERS KNOW THE GOSPEL AND UNDERSTAND A CHRIST FOLLOWING WORLDVIEW)**

**4) WE ARE CALLED TO MATURE & GROW IN OUR FAITH & KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.**

**(PAUL WAS NOT CONTENT WITH ONLY CONVERTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST; HE ALSO DESIRED MATURITY)**

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION

**Q. WHAT HAS CONVICTED YOU, CHALLENGED YOU OR STOOD OUT TO YOU FROM OUR MESSAGES OR THE SCRIPTURE IN COLOSSIANS 1 SO FAR?**

**READ COLOSSIANS 1:24 | PHILIPPIANS 1:29-30  
READ POINT A**

**Q. WHAT IS THE CONNECTION TO SUFFERING AND FOLLOWING JESUS? HOW DOES SUFFERING REQUIRE SACRIFICE?**

**Q. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE COULD FACE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF FOLLOWING JESUS?**

**Q. WHY DO WE TEND TO VIEW SUFFERING AS A BAD THING INSTEAD OF A GOOD THING IN OUR OWN LIVES?**

**Q. WHY SHOULD SUFFERING FOR CHRIST BE VIEWED AS A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR?**

**READ COLOSSIANS 1:25-27 | EPHESIANS 3:9-11  
READ POINT B**

**Q. WHO DID GOD CHOOSE TO CARRY OUT HIS PLAN TO REVEAL HIMSELF? WHY DO YOU THINK GOD CHOSE TO REVEAL HIMSELF THIS WAY AND CHOSE TO USE US?**

**READ COLOSSIANS 1:28-29  
READ POINT C & DISCUSS**

**Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR US TO LIVE OUT THESE 4 AREAS IN OUR OWN LIVES?**

**Q. WHAT IS OUR MAIN SOURCE FOR GUIDING OURSELVES & OTHERS IN OUR FAITH? CAN YOU GUIDE SOMEONE WITH SOMETHING YOU DONT KNOW? WHY NOT?**

**Q. HOW DOES THE LACK OF GROWING SPIRITUALLY HURT OUR WITNESS TO THE WORLD? HOW CAN WE GROW IN OUR WALK WITH CHRIST?**

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# PERSONAL DISCUSSION

**Q. HOW HAS GOD BEEN MOVING IN YOUR LIFE?**

**Q. HOW IS YOUR FAITH BEING STRETCHED?**

**Q. WHAT ARE SOME AREAS YOU NEED TO GROW IN SPIRITUALLY OR SOME AREAS GOD HAS BEEN AT WORK IN YOU?**

**Q. WHAT STEPS OR CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE IN YOUR LIFE TO HELP YOU GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST?**

**Q. WHAT AREAS ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH | WHERE DO YOU NEED PRAYER?**