

# THE REVOJUTION

CHRIST ENTHRONED. HUMAN EXISTENCE REDEFINED.

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Suffering Redefined  
Colossians 1:24 - 2:5

What was Paul's situation when he wrote this letter?

Someone once said "Suffering is a reality. Deal with it". How did Paul deal with it? How do you deal with it?

Paul's five lessons on suffering -

1. Depend on God's mighty power. What did this power do? What Old Testament stories tell of God's power?
2. Choose to be glad. How could Paul say this? Note one example in Acts 16 : 25.
3. Focus on others. How should this affect us?
4. Expect your suffering to be fruitful. How akin to pregnancy and childbirth? What will we suffer for? What did Paul suffer for? What will be the fruit of suffering for us?
5. Participate in the sufferings of Christ. See 1 Peter 2 : 20 - 21.

How does the celebration of the Lord's Supper help us to enter into Christ's suffering?