

Sermon Notes – February 2, 2020

The Ministry (*Colossians 1:24-29*)

- I. The Call to Suffer. (*Vs. 24*)
 - A. Since Christ suffered, we will suffer also.
 - 1. It pleased the Father for His Son to suffer. (*Isaiah 53:10*)
 - 2. If the world hated Christ, the world will hate us. (*John 15:18-19*)
 - B. Since Christ died, we are to die to self.
 - 1. We have been baptized into His death. (*Romans 6:1-4*)
 - 2. We have been given a cross to bear. (*Matthew 16:24-25*)
 - C. Since Christ rose from the dead, we rejoice in suffering.
 - 1. We can grieve with hope. (*I Thessalonians 4:13*)
 - 2. We have the resource to rejoice. (*Philippians 4:4*)

- II. The Call to Stewardship. (*Vss. 25-29*)
 - A. The privilege of preaching (proclamation).
 - 1. Paul had an attitude of gratefulness. (*I Timothy 1:12-16*)
 - 2. Paul had an assurance of God's method. (*Romans 10:14-15*)
 - B. The content of preaching.
 - 1. The mystery of the gospel: Good news!
 - 2. The person of the gospel: Jesus Christ! (*I Corinthians 15:1-4*)
 - C. The purpose of preaching.
 - 1. To grow up in Christ. (*Ephesians 4:11-16*)
 - 2. To be made complete in Christ.