

Suffering, Good Order, and Firmness

Sermon Outline for November 1, 2015 By Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

A. ²⁴I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

B. ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

C. ²⁹To this end I also labor, striving

D. according to His working

D'. which works in me mightily.

C'. ¹For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,

B'. ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,

³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

A'. ⁴Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. ⁵For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

Introduction – Suffering and Triumphalism

1. Brief Overview of the Text

2. Rejoicing in Suffering

- A. Filling Up What Is Lacking – 1:24
What It Isn't – Col. 1:20-23

Pointes to 'what It is – Mt. 13:14; 1 Cor., 16:7; Gal. 6:2; Phil. 2:30

John 15:20

- B. Body, Flesh, Spirit, Word – 1:24; 2:1,5

3. The Word

- A. Fulfilling the Word – 1:25
- B. The Word Concealed and Revealed – 1:26; Rom, 16:26

- C. The Word Proclaimed: Admonition, Instruction, and Presentation – 1:28

- D. The Word That Encourages, Creates Love, and Implants the Riches of Christ – 2:2

- E. The Word as Vaccine – 2:4

4. Good Order – 2:5; 1 Coir. 14:40; Rom. 13:12,13; 1 Thes. 4:10-12

5. Firmness - 2:5; Acts 3:7-16; 16:3-6; 2 Tim, 2:19; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 5:8-10; Col. 1:23

Conclusion – Christ and Energy 1:29; 2:1; Eph. 1:19; 3:7; 4:16; Phil. 3:21; Col. 2:12; 2 Thes. 2:9

For You - Gratitude – Col. 1:7, 9, 24; 2:1