

Colossians Series

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**COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All Sufficient**

**Sharing Christ's
Afflictions
Colossians 1:24**

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χαίρω *chairō*

pres act indicative, 1s
to rejoice, to be happy

θλίψις *thlipsis*

gen fem plur

trouble, tribulation,
oppression, affliction,
distress

*Never used of the redemptive
suffering of Christ.

πάθημα *pathēma*

from *pascho* i.e., the passion
of Christ

nom neut plur

suffering;

used of both the redemptive
suffering of Christ on the
cross; and the non-
redemptive adversity in
Christ's life.

1. There are different levels and qualities of joy and happiness.

Fleeting happiness or pleasure of the moment;

A more enduring natural joy based on positive mental attitude, enduring circumstances, or personal focus;

A spiritual joy which is the result of God the Holy Spirit producing enduring joy in the believer's soul.

2. Spiritual Joy is the joy produced by God the Holy Spirit as a result of the first two spiritual skills: confession, walking by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 22–23).

3. Joy is also the result of ongoing spiritual growth based on the application of doctrine, or abiding in the Word (John 15:1–11).

John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

4. The kind of joy the Scripture promises is robust and independent of circumstances, emotions, and people.

5. Joy then is related also to a spiritual peace. Both are clearly the result of claiming, relying upon, or living on the basis of God's promises (the Faith-Rest Drill). Isa. 26:3, 4.

**Isa. 26:3, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in
thee.**

**Isa. 26:4, “Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the
LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:”**

6. Joy is also the result of orientation to grace, first at salvation, then subsequently through spiritual growth.

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οἶδα *oida*
perf act part masc plur nom
adverbial of cause
“because we know”

7. And then joy is related to personal sense of our eternal destiny: HOPE.

Rom. 5:4, “and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Rom. 5:5, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Matt. 5:11, “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Matt. 5:12, “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

8. Joy then is related to understanding the plan and purpose of God.

Spiritual Adults (**uijoi**; *huioi*, adult sons, Rom. 8:14)

PLG,
Rom. 5:5

ILM,
Gal. 5:14

O/C,
Heb 2:2

+H,
James 1:2

Spiritual Adolescence (**neanivskoi**, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13)

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16–17

Spiritual Childhood (**tevknon**, *teknon*)

Confess,
1 John 1:9

FHS, WHS
Eph. 5:18

FRD,
2 Pet. 1: 3, 4

G/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

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Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom. 8:30, “Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

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συνεργέω *sunergeō*

pres act indic

3 sing “He...” or “it...”

**to work together with,
assist; collaborate**

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Either:

**All things work together for
good**

Or

**He works all things together for
good**

Translation:

“And we have come to know that He works all things together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

2 Cor. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

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**παρακαλέω (*parakaleō*), comfort,
exhort, encourage, implore**

2 Cor. 1:5, “For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

2 Cor. 1:6, “Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.”

2 Cor. 1:7, “And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.”