

Sufferings & Afflictions  
*Colossians 1:24-25*

1. Aim

- a. Me (Paul) *Acts 9:15-16*
- b. You (Colossian Believers) - *Colossians 1:2, 11-12*
- c. The Church (All members of the Body of Christ)  
*1 Peter 1:19-23*

2. Attitude

- a. Rejoice - *James 1:2-3*
- b. Christ's Afflictions - *Hebrews 5:7-8*
- c. Minister (Servant) - *2 Corinthians 1:3-11*

3. Avenue

- a. From God - *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*
- b. To Me - *2 Timothy 3:10-17*
- c. For You - *Ephesians 3:1-13*

4. Accomplishment = Fulfillment of the Word of God

*Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:5-6*

<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2016). (Colossians 1:24-25). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.