



## March 27 Sermon Notes

**Message discussion:** What stood out to you in this week's message? Questions? A way God moved you to respond?

**Passage reflection:** Read Colossians 1:9-14. What stands out to you in these verses? Is there something you hear God saying to you? How can you respond to what He is saying?

*...for all endurance and patience with joy...*

**1.** Read the following verses: Romans 5:1-5; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:3-7. Paul repeats the idea of enduring in faith several times in his letter to the Colossians. What kind of perspective leads to joy in the midst of difficult circumstances? Describe the kind of perspective that leads to a lack of joy.

*...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience...(1:11)*

**2.** Read Ephesians 1:18-20; Ephesians 6:10-18. Every trial is a growth opportunity but also an opportunity for the enemy to attack our faith. Some people endure trial, others fall. How can we experience the power of God to endure the trials the enemy uses to challenge our walk with Christ?

**3.** Think about your response to the trials you've faced in the last two years. Is your life marked by joyful gratitude regardless of your difficulties, or has your joy come and gone depending on your circumstances?

*...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. (1:12)*

**4.** Read John 16:22-24, 33. Trials in life will continue to come. Endurance will still be required. Describe one thing you can do to keep your joy rooted in the eternal realities instead of the circumstances of life?