

BEYOND BRAVERY —CHRISTUS VICTOR WEEK 11— *Colossians 1:24-29 (NIV)*

I. OUR _____ INTO _____

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you,
and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s
afflictions,
for the sake of his body,
which is the church.

II. OUR _____ OF THE _____

²⁵ I have become its servant
by the commission God gave me
to present to you the word of God in its fullness—
²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations,
but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people.
²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the
glorious riches of this mystery,
which is Christ in you,
the hope of glory.

III. OUR _____ OF _____

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.
²⁹ To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so
powerfully works in me.

THE BOTTOM LINE

_____ Paul’s _____ as a _____
...by being _____ with _____ others in _____.
...by _____ that God has _____ you _____.
...by _____ via God’s power _____.

Develop a Strategic Action Plan for the Next Month

This month to embrace suffering for the gospel I will:

This month to better steward the message of the gospel I will:

This month to help form someone into a disciple I will:

On Vicarious Suffering in This Passage

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship*, 222)

Even though Jesus Christ has already accomplished all the vicarious suffering necessary for our redemption, his sufferings in this world are not finished yet. In his grace, he has left something unfinished in his suffering, which his church-community is to complete in this last period before his second coming. This suffering will benefit the body of Christ, the church.... What is clear... is that those suffering in the power of the body of Christ suffer in a vicariously representative action “for” the church community, “for” the body of Christ. They are permitted to bear what others are spared.