

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

SERMON OUTLINE

April 29th, 2018

Colossians 1:24

- **Introduction:**

- **What is the current state of the church? Persecuted, but still thriving.**

- **RECAP:** Last week we finished Paul's introduction. Paul finishes his discussion of how we need to pursue Gospel living and Gospel-changed hearts, by continuing in the faith given to us.

- **“Now I rejoice in the afflictions on your behalf,”**

- Paul suffered afflictions both from men for spreading the Gospel, and also affliction sent from God even to keep him humble.

- 2nd Cor. 11:21-32
 - 2nd. Cor. 12:7-10
 - Paul's blindness, Gal. 6:11.
 - Paul's imprisonment, Phil 1:12-14.

- But I say this so that we can know in spite of all this, **Paul had joy.**

- **“And I have been supplying the shortcoming of afflictions of Christ in my flesh,”**

- Did Christ miss something or some part of His work while here on Earth? No, not at all. And if we look at the text, we realize this isn't the case.

- Romans 6:10.
 - 1st Peter 3:18.

- We are not called to add to our salvation. But we are called to be a part of building the church, and doing His work

- Luke 9:23-24

- **“on behalf of His body, which is the church.”**

- Paul suffers on behalf of the church. Not to save them, but to build up the kingdom through saving new souls and edifying the existing ones.

- **Conclusion:**

- **We still have work to do. There is a true “lack,” or “need,” to continue the work of building the church that Christ is the foundation of.**

- **Realize it's going to cost you something. Carrying your cross will involve difficulty, either in your own personal life of trying to live in holiness, or in reaching to others.**