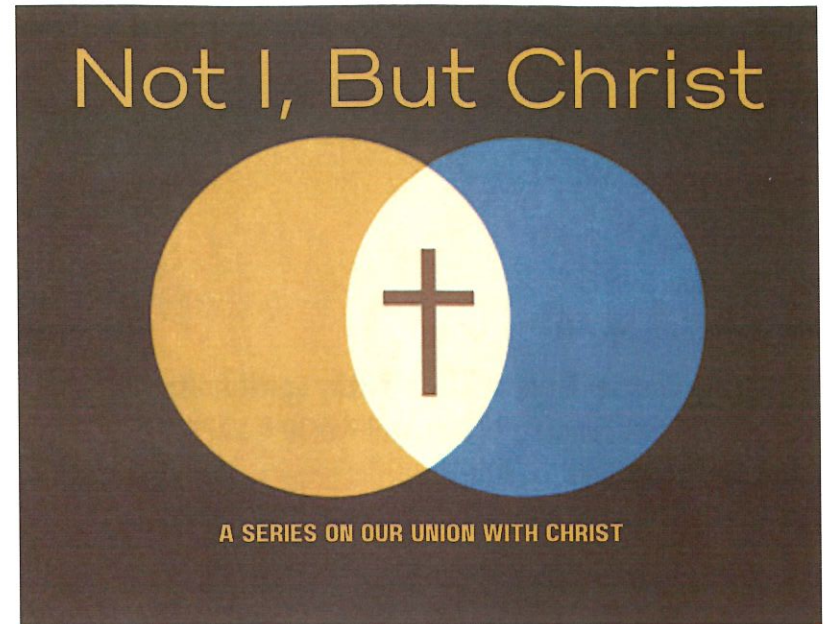


## Questions for Reflection

What stood out from this passage and/or sermon that was most challenging and/or encouraging? Think through why.

What is it about this reframing of our suffering, to see it as us participating in the sufferings of Christ, that brings hope in the midst of our trials?



## Redeemer Fellowship

*Sharing Together in the Life of Christ by Loving God and Loving Neighbor*

March 9, 2025

*Welcome!*

We are glad you decided to join us this morning. It is our prayer that you enjoy this time of worship and meet with Jesus.

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### **Our Elders**

Jonathan Sgalambro (Lead Pastor), Lee West, Sesky Paul, Tim Bowditch  
Dan Bosak, Anthony Piloza, Scott Stengele

### **Our Deacons**

Rich Cromwell, Nancy McKay, Matt Mandracchia, Courtney Mandracchia,  
Ellie Post, Scott Daily

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## Save The Date

### **Prayer**

Every Sunday, 9 AM  
Every Tuesday, 12 PM

### **RedeemerYouth**

Every Thursday, 6:30 PM  
Contact: Anthony Savasta

### **Discipleship Course: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**

Wednesday Nights, February 19 thru April 9, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Contact: Noah Lang  
Sign-Up via the emailed link or Church Center/More/Signups

### **Baptism & Baby Dedication**

Palm Sunday, April 13  
Sign-up via the emailed link or Church Center/More/Signups

### **Worship Night**

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 PM

## Opportunities to Serve

**Audio-Visual** - Contact Dick Abanto ([richardabanto@netzero.net](mailto:richardabanto@netzero.net))

**Greeters** - Contact Courtney Mandracchia ([cjmtmandra@gmail.com](mailto:cjmtmandra@gmail.com))

**Hospitality Committee** - Contact Teddi Burzon ([tabnj3@yahoo.com](mailto:tabnj3@yahoo.com))

**Nursery** - Contact Debbie Stengele ([debbie@redeemernj.com](mailto:debbie@redeemernj.com))

**RedeemerKids** - Contact Linda Wells ([lindamillswells@gmail.com](mailto:lindamillswells@gmail.com))

**RedeemerMen** - Contact Sesky Paul ([sesky@redeemernj.com](mailto:sesky@redeemernj.com))

**RedeemerWomen** - Contact Deanna Sgalambro ([dsgalambro@gmail.com](mailto:dsgalambro@gmail.com))

**RedeemerYouth** - Contact Anthony Savasta ([anthonysavasta@redeemernj.com](mailto:anthonysavasta@redeemernj.com))

**Ushers** - Contact Matt Mandracchia ([mtmandra@gmail.com](mailto:mtmandra@gmail.com))

## Those In Need of Prayer

**Ritchie Diaz:** recovering from heart surgery.

**Mike McGrath:** gallbladder surgery tomorrow.

**Russ Click:** Pray for full healing in his leg after back surgery.

**Those with Long-Term Needs:** AnnMarie Mastropiero, Terry Mastropiero, John Ongrady, Janet Jaeger, Rob Keen, Wendy Napoliello, Mike Pintilie, Lee Ritchings, Rebekah Ritchings, Pastor Sesky, Jim McCombs, Stephanie Paul, Rosemarie Eurell

## **Pray for our Elders**

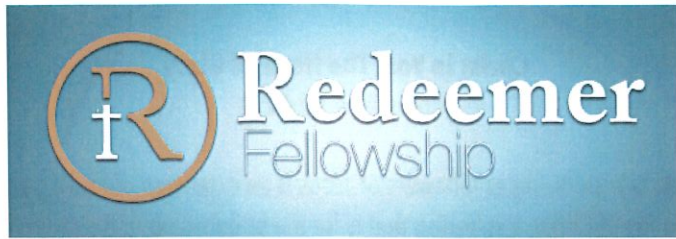
**Our Missionaries:** Harbours (Taiwan), Terranovas (Spain), Nick Batagglia (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), Smolas (Czech Republic), Fred Klett (Philadelphia), Dwinells (Philippines)

**There are brothers and sisters in our church family who are hurting and though their names are not listed here, please pray for them.**

## Those Unable to Attend Church

Janet Jaeger, Flo Owen

Redeemer		General Fund Dashboard		LAST WEEK'S GF GIVING	
		March 3, 2025		\$3,563	
	Total to Date	Wkly Average			
Budget Required	\$62,451	\$6,939			
GF Giving Received	\$63,107	\$7,012			
Over/Under	\$656	\$73			



### **Colossians 1:24-29**

24 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, 25 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, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

### **Christ in You, The Hope of Glory**

(Colossians 1:24-29)

**Main Point:** Our suffering as followers of Jesus is an extension of and a participation in the sufferings of Christ, a suffering that is for the building up of the church and the proclamation of the Gospel.

### **Filling Up What is Lacking (v.v. 24-25):**

### **A Mystery Hidden for Ages (v.v. 26-27):**

### **Mature in Christ (v.v. 28-29):**