

Life in the Household of God: Passing the Faith On

GOOD SUFFERING

2 Timothy 2:3-7 Pew Bible pp. 1178

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The Theme of Suffering in the Pastorals

2 Tim. 1:8, 11-12; 2:3; 3:10-11; 4:5

How do we know suffering was a big issue for Paul and early Christians?

Persecution of Christians Today

Why should Christians be concerned about persecution and suffering today?

Persecution of Christians is ___creasing worldwide.

What We Are Talking About

What are some of the more extreme forms of persecution?

2 Tim. 2:9b-10a; 3:10-11; 4:6-7

What three examples does Paul use to teach us about suffering for Christ in everyday life?

1. _____ 2 Tim. 2:3-4

2. _____ 2 Tim. 2:5

3. _____ 2 Tim. 3:6

Suffering as a Sign

The pattern of _____-denial and _____-sacrifice is to be a hallmark of the Christian life. 2 Tim. 3:10-12

What will be the inevitable result if you are living the Christian life the way ought to?

What does it suggest if you do not experience any suffering for the sake of Christ?

For what are two things should Christians suffer?

For what things should Christians not suffer?

The Christian Response to Suffering

How are we to respond when we feel the sting of suffering for the Lord. Matt. 5:38-44; 1 Pet. 2:23b

Why Suffer?

1. Jesus _____ for us.
2. P_____ in God's kingdom comes through suffering.
2 Tim. 2:10
3. There will be great r_____ for those who suffer for Christ.
Matt. 5:10-12; 2 Tim. 2: 4-6

Conclusion and Invitation

Jesus calls His followers to endure suffering for His sake.

What is the Lord calling you to do as a result of this message?