

Worship Service September 27, 2020 Pastor Bruce Adrian

PHILIPPIANS: Joy in the Journey

Lesson Nine • Philippians 1:29-30

Suffering for Christ's Sake

How do you respond to suffering in the world and in your life? What's your instinctive reaction?

How you respond to suffering is <u>DETERMINED</u> by how well you are standing firm in the sovereign grace of God who saves you.

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have. Philippians 1:29-30

Foundational Truths about Suffering for Christ's Sake

1. Suffering for Christ Is a Mark of Your **SALVATION!**

John 15:18-21 Romans 8:16-17 2Timothy 3:12

2. Suffering for Christ Is a Gift of God's GRACE!

Ephesians 2:8-9

3. Suffering for Christ Is Endured for His SAKE!

Matthew 5:10-11 Acts 5:41

4. Suffering for Christ Is a Means of PARTNERSHIP!

Philippians 3:10, 13-14, 17

5. Suffering for Christ Is to Be EXPECTED!

2Timothy 3:12

A Biblical View of Suffering Is Essential

The understanding that salvation and suffering are both <u>GIFTS</u> of God's grace is essential to living worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

As you realize more deeply how God used Jesus' suffering to bring you everlasting joy, you begin to see your suffering as opportunities to bring Jesus even more glory till He comes again.