

II Thessalonians - Lesson 2 - Suffering

Why Do We Suffer?	Is It Necessary?	Is There a Purpose?	What Is the Result?
<p>Persecution -#1375 - diogmos - to pursue to persecute</p> <p>Afflictions - #2347 - thlipsis - to break, crush, compress, squeeze</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pressure or burden on the spirit <p>Suffer - #3958 - pascho - to experience something evil - mostly suffering on behalf of someone else</p> <p>We suffer because . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - our sin - Of other people's sin - Opportunity to learn and grow - God is using us to teach others about Him - Satan is throwing his fiery darts at you - Kingdom of God - we are hated because they hated Jesus first (Mt 5:10-12; 10:16-25; Jn 15:16-25; 17:14-18) - Name of Jesus brings division (Mt:10-34-40) 	<p>II Tim 3:10-13 - all who desire to live godly will be persecuted</p> <p>John 16:33 - the world has tribulation - He has peace - He has overcome the world</p> <p>Phil 1:29-30 - granted the privilege of suffering with Christ</p> <p>Acts 5:41 - rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer shame for Christ</p> <p>Jn 15:20 - a slave is not greater than his master - the persecuted Jesus they will persecute us</p>	<p>II Thes 1:5 - worthy of the kingdom of God</p> <p>James 1:2-4 - the trials brings perseverance and perfects (completes) us (mature in our faith)</p> <p>I Pet 1:6-9 - prove our faith, test us by fire so we can bring praise, glory, and honor to Him</p> <p>I Pet 4:12-19 - the degree we suffer the degree we rejoice with His coming</p> <p>I Pet 5:8-11 - God will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you</p> <p>He 5:7-9 - we learn obedience through suffering</p>	<p>Those who persecute (II Thes 1:6-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God will repay those who persecute us - God will deal out retribution to those who don't know Him or obey the gospel - Eternal destruction will come <p>God Helps Us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God gives us relief (I Cor 10:13) - He considers us worthy of His kingdom - Jesus will be glorified in us <p>How do we respond?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James 1:2-4 - consider all joy - I Peter 4:12-19 - realize that this is not strange, when suffering do what is right and trust God with the results - I Peter 5:8-11 - having the right attitude (6-7), resist the devil, stand firm, know you aren't the only one suffering <p>Ps 73</p>