

L23: Essential Doctrines: Suffering Pt. 4

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Prayer

Summary Points:

- **6 Non-Ignorant Issues**
 1. ~~Pauline Authority unto Godly Edification (Romans 1:13)~~
 2. ~~Israel, the Gentiles, and the Mystery (Romans 11:25)~~
 3. ~~True Godly Sanctification/Holiness (1 Corinthians 10:1)~~
 4. ~~Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1)~~
 5. **Sufferings (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)**
 6. **Death & Our Hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13)**

- **Two Major Kinds of Sufferings Today**
 - The Sufferings of this Present Time
 - The Sufferings of Christ

 - **The Sufferings of this Present Time**
 - Known by "the bondage of corruption" that entered the world when sin did and death by sin, but also in light of that corruption in the earth and the blessings and curses of the law contract.

 - Therefore, due to the reconciling of the world unto Himself and His people not being under the law, sufferings happen not by God's intensification of "the bondage of corruption", but from "the bondage of corruption" itself.

 - **The Sufferings of Christ**
 - The sufferings of Christ proceed from a negative response of the godly conversation of those who are in Christ.

 - Whether it be encountering "the sufferings of this present time" or "the sufferings of Christ" the objective of the effectual working of God's Word is the same; that is, a deliverance in the suffering by a patient endurance that empowered by minding the things of the Spirit concerning our hope and inheritance by way of the resurrection from the dead.

Lesson Points:

- **The Sufferings of Christ are "for His sake"**

- **Spectacle to Manifest the Excellency of His Power**
 - Comfort
 - Patient Endurance

- **The Sufferings of Christ are "for your sake"**
 - More than Conquerors
 - Made: the filth of the world
 - The offscouring of all things

- **The Means to Suffer Well**

- Given "all things" to walk after, thus given the means to suffer
- Comfort
- Hope of the Resurrection
- "the spirit of faith"

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

- 2 Timothy 1:8

Romans 8:35

- Made subject to sufferings - freely given - spare us not
- "more than conquerors"
- "through Him that loved us"
 - RESURRECTION
- "for thy sake" - The Sufferings of Christ are "for His sake"

Romans 12:12

- "rejoicing in hope"
- "patient in tribulation"
- "continuing instant in prayer"

1 Corinthians 4:9

- "apostles appointed to death"
- "spectacle" = a place for public show (Acts 19:29, 31 = theatre)
 - "world"
 - "men"
 - "angels"
- Life in suffering
 - Reviled we bless
 - Persecuted we suffer it (to put up with/bear with endurance)
 - Defamed (blasphemo) we intreat (call near, invite)
- "made" (given) - the filth of the world
 - "offscouring" (scum)
 - Contrast:
 - 2 Corinthians 2:14 = triumph in Christ, a sweet savour of Christ

2 Corinthians 1

- "comfort"
- "enduring"
 - Deliverance from the spiritual effects of sufferings by way of comfort to be able to endure
- "raiseth the dead"

2 Corinthians 4:5ff

- "treasure in earthen vessels" (contrast to redemption of our body)
 - "that the excellency of the power may be of God"
 - You ask for deliverance from suffering when God has given you His superior power to endure them.

<u>Dying of the Lord Jesus</u>	<u>Life of Jesus</u>
Trouble on every side	Not distressed
Perplexed	Not in despair
Persecuted	Not forsaken
Cast down	Not destroyed

- "always" = all the day long (our dispensational day)
- "for thy sake" (Rom. 8) = "for Jesus' sake"
 - "that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh"
- Means:
 - "spirit of faith" (Ps. 116:10 [1-19])
 - Rest to the soul
 - Hope of resurrection
 - "knowing" = resurrection (by the way why he wants us to be ignorant of our hope - Next Essential Doctrine)
- "for your sakes" - The Sufferings of Christ are for your sakes
 - Now for our good, for our glory
 - "redound to the glory of God = impact you"
 - "which cause we faint not"
 - "light affliction, but a moment (won't last)"
 - Worketh for us (not against us)
 - A FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY
 - "look not"
 - 2 Cor. 5:6-8
 - 2 Cor. 11:23ff

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- "the messenger of Satan" (thorn in the flesh)
 - Individual used by Adversary to bring suffering against Paul
- Pattern of Prayer
 - "besought the Lord thrice"
 - "it might depart" = delivered
 - Response
 - God's = "my grace is sufficient"
 - Paul's = gladly, take pleasure, rejoice

Philippians 1:27-30

- "in nothing terrified by your Adversaries"
- "given in the behalf of Christ"
 - Php. 3:9