

L59 | I Corinthians | The Sufferings of Christ | I Cor. 4:8-17

I. Intro/Review:

- We have considered the contrast between the Corinthians and Paul.
 - The Corinthians clung to the riches of this world - they elevated them above the wisdom of God and compromised in their Christianity
 - Their Christianity didn't look or sound much different than the world, culture, and society around them
 - Paul describes an holy Christ, His holy work, the holy gospel, and the holy living it is designed to produce
- The Corinthians pursuit was cultural ascendancy - to attain and apprehend that which the world seeks after
 - Full, rich, reign as kings
- Paul and those with him were "appointed to death" a spectacle to the world: men and angels

II. Preview:

- Examine that which Paul is appointed to - the sufferings of Christ

III. Sermon:

[10-13] - "We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; and labour, working with our own hands: being reviled we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day."

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"we"	"ye"
Fools	Wise
Weak	Strong
Despised - unesteemed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of love• Abhorred	Honourable
Hunger & Thirst	Full
Naked	Rich
Buffeted - strike with fist; maltreat violently <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matt. 26:67• 1 Pet. 2:20	Kings
No Certain Dwelling place <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luke 9:58	

Labour	
Reviled (we bless) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt. 5:11, 27:39 • 1 Pet. 2:23 	
Persecuted (we suffer it)	
Defamed (we intreat)	

The Sufferings of Christ & Servants

- Matthew 10:24-25 - the disciple is not above his master - called Beelzebub
 - John 15:20 - Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.
 - 1 Peter 1:9-11 - "...the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

The Sufferings of Christ & Paul

- Colossians 1:24 - "who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the church."

The Sufferings of Christ & The Body

- 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5 - impact of suffering on the body
- 2 Timothy 1:8-11
- Contrast the Corinthians with the Philippians
 - Philippians 1:3-8, 12-17, 27-30 (without and within)
- 2 Corinthians 1

Description & Definition

- Suffering are hardships and difficulties experienced from situations and circumstances upon your flesh or soul.
 - Lack of rest in your flesh (2 Cor. 7:5)
 - Lack of rest in your spirit (2 Cor. 2:13)
- Suffering can be relative to that which you value, think you deserve or that which is owed you
 - Who has first given to Him that He should recompense? (Rom. 11)
- Philippians 4

IV. Conclusion: