

SERIES: LIVING A LIFE OF EXCELLENCE

MESSAGE: Standing Strong in Persecution

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 2:14–16 3:1–10

- I. The believers call to suffer persecution. (Vv. 3:3–4; 2 Tim. 3:12; Mat. 5:11–12)

- II. The persecutor's motive toward believers. (Vv. 3:3; 2:16)

- III. The judgment from God to those who persecute. (V. 2:16)

- IV. The blessings for those who endure persecution.
 - A. Brings testing and refining of your faith. (James 1:2)

 - B. Brings praise and glory to God. (1 Pet. 1:6–7)

 - C. Brings focus and purity in your life. (1 Pet. 4:1–2)

 - D. Brings spiritual blessings into your life. (1 Pet. 3:8–9, 14)

 - E. Brings you closer to Jesus. (1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Pet. 4:13–14; Phil. 3:10)