

What Does The Suffering of Christians Accomplish?

Intro:

- A. II Thess. 1:3-12
- B. Paul writes to the Thessalonians to thank them for their dedication to the Lord. He specifically calls attention to the persecutions that they had endured.
- C. In order to better appreciate what Paul is referencing, we need to go back and review Acts 17.
- D. This was a very dangerous situation. Paul was familiar with being a part of the mob and being the target of the mob.
- E. Paul praises the Thessalonians and reminds them of what their endurance was accomplishing.
- F. *It is*

I. _____

- A. Faith in the teaching of _____ as _____.
- B. Serves to _____ the other _____ of God.
- C. Helps to further strengthen their _____.

II. _____

- A. Their persecution substantiated their cause.
- B. It also validates the truth of God's Word in the following ways:

- 1. John 15:18-20
- 2. II Tim. 3:12
- 3. John 3:19

III. _____

- A. Christians are sending _____ to the world.
- B. Punishment is coming for those who persecute God's people.
- C. There will be _____ for Christians.
- D. Vengeance is coming to those who _____ and who do not _____ the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

