

The Gift of Faith and Suffering

Philippians 1:29-30

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Theme: Because God has freely given us the gift of faith in Christ and suffering for Christ, we must not be alarmed by those who oppose Christ.

God's free gift to Christians:

- Faith
 - We are to call _____ to faith in Christ (Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:13)
 - Whoever does not believe in Jesus has no one to blame but _____ (John 3:18, 36; 16:9)
 - God's word also teaches that faith is freely given as an act of _____:
 - Philippians 1:29
 - Acts 11:18
 - Acts 18:27
 - Ephesians 2:8
- Suffering
 - _____ suffered for us (Lk. 9:23; 1 Pet. 2:21)
 - Paul understood suffering for Christ (Acts 9:13-16; Phil. 3:7-11; 2 Tim. 1:12)
 - Salvation and suffering go _____ (2 Thess. 1:5; 1 Pet. 4:1; Jam. 1:12)

God's purpose in His free gift of suffering: Suffering for _____ (29)

God's norm for all who have His free gift of faith: _____ (30)

- The conflict of suffering
- The observed conflict of suffering for Paul
- The common conflict of suffering for all Christians (Matt. 10:24-25; 2 Tim. 3:12)

