

Gift of Persecution

Philippians 1:27-30

September 8, 2024

Suffering for the sake of Christ is a gift.

Sermon Notes:

Suffering for the sake of Christ **confirms** your salvation in Christ.

Suffering **develops** steady disciples.

Suffering **connects** us with Christ.

Suffering brings abundant **comfort**.

Suffering **involves** each of us.

Rejoice even through your suffering.

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
James 1:2*

Family Discussion Guide

Thank you for worshipping with us today! As you return home, consider how you might reflect on God's Word with others this week. Below are some questions to help you discuss God's Word with others. You might discuss with a spouse, relatives, children, neighbors, or coworkers.

1. What did you learn new from today's passage?
2. What did you learn about Jesus in the passage?
3. What did you learn about people in this passage?
4. How does this passage change how we relate to one another?
5. In what ways does the church endure persecution?
6. What does this passage demand of you?
7. How does this passage prompt you to pray?