

NOT ASHAMED to SUFFER

*1 Pet 4:16; 1 Tim 4:10; Phi 1:29; 2 Tim 3:12; James 1:2-4; Rom 5:3; 2 Tim 1:12; 2 Cor 4:8-9;
Rom 8:37; 1 Cor 15:57; 2 Cor 2:14*

Leader: If anyone suffers as a Christian, he should not be ashamed but should glorify God in having that name.

Congregation: We work hard and continue to suffer, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him.

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, when you encounter trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Allow perseverance to finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

For this reason, even though I suffer as I do, I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day.

*We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed;
we are perplexed, but not in despair;
persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not destroyed—*

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks [be] to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ!