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Text: Philippians 1:28-30

UNAFRAID OF SUFFERING

1. Adversaries Philippians 1:28
 - a) They stand against Christians
 - b) They are enemies of the faith
2. Response to adversaries
 - a) Never be terrified by enemies Philippians 1:28
 - b) Their adversarial conduct is proof of their perdition (destruction)
3. A dynamic approach to the problem of suffering
 - a) Our suffering for the Lord is evident of our salvation from God Philippians 1:28
 - b) Salvation and Suffering go together Philippians 1:29
 - i) To believe in Christ
 - ii) To suffer for His sake
 - c) This was a clear teaching given by the Lord Jesus Himself
 - i) Jesus Himself sets the example of suffering 1 Peter 2:21
 - ii) We are to follow His steps 1 Peter 2:21
 - iii) We are challenged to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him Mark 8:34
4. A word of encouragement
 - a) Paul offers himself as an example
 - b) He too suffers for the sake of the gospel
 - c) He details some of his sufferings in 2 Corinthians 11

BIBLE MEMORY

Philippians 1:29

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