

Persecuted

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

April 19, 2026

The Church Now as Always

Living by the Grace of God

Enduring Faith in the Face of the Day

The Righteous Judgment of God

The Punishment of Eternal Destruction

When Christ Shall Come

Make it Count: Be Worthy of the Call

Series: Get Ready – Part Two

Beyond Sunday...

Verse of the Week

*"In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider:
God has made the one as well as the other,
so that man may not find out anything that will be after him."*

Ecclesiastes 7:14

This week read through a series of Scriptures that illustrate a theology of trials in the New Testament. Trying to be God's people in a perverse world. Always read the Scriptures in context and write down what you learn.

Monday – Suffering is not always the result of sin – John 9:2-3
God provides hope and love in suffering – Romans 5:3-5

Tuesday – Problems help us trust God's sovereign purpose – Romans 8:28-39

Wednesday – Suffering enables us to comfort others – 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Thursday – Our eternal reward outweighs our suffering – 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
Problems can be a confirmation we are living for Christ – 2 Thess 1:5

Friday – Trials help us to be more fruitful – Hebrews 12:11
Problems help us to mature in our faith – James 1:2-4

Saturday – When we suffer, we share in the suffering of Christ – 1 Peter 4:12-14
Jesus tells us what to expect – John 15:18-29

Engage

Have you gone through suffering? Have you been persecuted for your faith?

Have you experienced trials in your life?

What did you learn about God?

What did you learn for your life?

How did it help your faith?

Heart Challenge

How do you think you'll respond to persecution?

Our theme for 2026 is BEYOND

*"For, 'Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;
but my righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.'*

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,

But of those who have faith and preserve their souls"

Hebrews 10:37-39