

CALLED TO SUFFER / *Colossians 1:24*

Paul never feared suffering for he knew that God was in control, that his suffering helped others to be more courageous in spreading the gospel, and that one day all suffering would end and he (along with all believers) would be with the Father. The New Testament abounds with warnings about and words of comfort in suffering.

Speaker	Reference	Words about Suffering
Jesus	Matthew 5:10-12	Those who are persecuted are called “blessed.”
Jesus	Matthew 20:23	The Son of Man will return and end all suffering.
Jesus	John 15:20	Jesus was persecuted; we will be persecuted.
The apostles	Acts 5:41	We can rejoice at being worthy to suffer for Christ.
Jesus	Acts 9:16	Paul was called to suffer for Jesus’ name.
Paul	Romans 8:17	As children and heirs, we will share in Jesus’ suffering.
Paul	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	God gives comfort in suffering.
Paul	2 Corinthians 4:7-12	Paul suffered so that others might be saved.
Paul	2 Corinthians 6:4-5, 9-10	Paul suffered, yet rejoiced.
Paul	Ephesians 3:13	Our sufferings can glorify God.
Paul	Philippians 1:29	Suffering for Christ’s name is a privilege.
Paul	2 Timothy 1:12	We must not be ashamed of suffering; trust Christ.
Paul	2 Timothy 2:10	Paul suffered for the sake of other believers.
Paul	2 Timothy 3:11	God will rescue us from suffering—now or in eternity.
Paul	2 Timothy 4:5	We are called to endure hardship.
Author of Hebrews	Hebrews 10:32-34	We can face suffering knowing we have God’s inheritance.
James	James 1:2	We can consider it pure joy to face trials.
Peter	1 Peter 1:6	Our suffering is refining our faith.
Peter	1 Peter 2:21	We suffer because Christ suffered.
Peter	1 Peter 3:13-14	We are blessed for suffering for what is right.
Peter	1 Peter 4:1, 13, 16	We suffer yet rejoice because we suffer for Christ.
Peter	1 Peter 5:9-10	Resist Satan, stand firm, God is with you.
Jesus	Revelation 2:10	We must be faithful, even to death; the crown of life awaits us.