

SINCERE FAITH

The Promise Of Our Faith | December 10, 2023

THE PROMISE OF SUFFERING

2 Timothy 4:6-7 *For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 *Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.*

2 Timothy 2:1-3 *My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus... Join with me in suffering*

2 Timothy 3:10-12 *You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings - what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured... In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*

Promise #1: As disciples of Jesus, we will experience _____.

A PROMISE OF RIGHTNESS

2 Timothy 4:8 *Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.*

1 Corinthians 9:25-27 *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. I discipline my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

1 Corinthians 1:30 *Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.*

John 1:9-13 *The one who is the true light... came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn - not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.*

Promise #2: As disciples of Jesus, we will experience "_____".

Matthew 27:27-31 *Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.*

1 John 2:1-2 *Jesus Christ, the Righteous One - He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Revelation 6:2 *I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory.*

Revelation 14:14 *Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.*

Revelation 21:3-4 *I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

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