

CHRIO SEED OF LIFE CHURCH
(Formerly Christ Foundation Gospel Ministries)
Apatapiti layout, Phase 2, Orunmoluyi Street, Opposite Zion Hostel Gate, FUTA

BIBLE STUDY

THEME: Living in the Kingdom: God Reigns

TOPIC: Christian Persecution and Sufferings

MAIN TEXT: Luke 21:10-19

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 3:12 (In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. NIV)

INTRODUCTION

Over the years, Christians have been persecuted and have suffered for their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. Suffering and persecution is part of the Christian experience. Paul regarded it as a grace gift. He said, "For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for Him. (Philippians 1:29,30). Now that you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, also accept this reality that with this salvation experience come suffering and persecution.

OUTLINES

1. What is Christian persecution and suffering? Share personal experience(s), if any.
2. From verses 10-13, why are Christians persecuted?
3. What should be our attitude and disposition to persecution and suffering? Vs 14-15; 1Pet, 4:12-16.
4. From where should we expect persecution? Vs. 16
5. Are Christians expected to suffer? Phil. 1:29
6. What are the rewards of suffering persecution for Christ's sake? Vs. 18-19 (NIV)

CONCLUSION

In our suffering, we have the opportunity to partake in the sufferings of Christ and the assurance of receiving the crown of life. Let us continue to pray for grace to endure to the end in the face of persecution and sufferings.

FURTHER READING: 1 Peter 2:18-25, Matthew 5:11-12

1. The Cost of Commitment by John White (Inter-Varsity Press, UK)
2. Tortured For Christ by Richard Wurmbbrand (Love in Action Society, India)
3. Foxe's Book of Martyrs by John Foxe (Whitaker House, USA)

NB: EXTRACT FROM NIFES