

II CORINTHIANS

Chapter 4. Paul's Living Martyrdom

In this Epistle Paul speaks much of his Sufferings, specially in chapters 4,6,11. At his conversion the Lord had said, I will show him how many things he must suffer for My Name's sake, Acts 9:16. The sufferings began immediately, and continued in unbroken succession for over thirty years.

1. They plotted to kill him in Damascus, Acts 9:24. And in Jerusalem, Acts 9:29.
2. Drove him out of Antioch, Acts 13:50
3. Attempted to stone him in Iconium, Acts 14:5
4. Did stone him, and leave him for dead, in Lystra, Acts 14:19.
5. In Philippi they beat him with rods, and put him in stocks, Acts 16:23,24.
6. In Thessalonica the Jews and rabble tried to mob him, Acts 17:5.
7. They drove him out of Berea, Acts 17:13,14.
8. Plotted against him in Corinth, Acts 18:12.
9. In Ephesus they almost killed him, Acts 19:29; II Cor. 1:8,9.
10. In Corinth again, shortly after he had written this Epistle, they plotted his death, Acts 20:3.
11. In Jerusalem again they would have made a quick end of him, except for the Roman soldiers, Acts 22.
12. Then he was imprisoned in Caesarea for two years, and two more in Rome.

And besides all this, there were unrecorded beatings, imprisonments, shipwrecks, and unceasing privations of every kind, II Cor. 11:23-27. Then finally he was taken to Rome to be executed as a Criminal, II Tim. 2:9.

- He must have had amazing endurance, for he sang as he suffered, Acts 16:25.