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“That in Nothing I shall be ashamed, Living the right life is the Christ life.”

Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, *that in nothing I shall be ashamed*, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

The sufferings of Paul. Written down for us to read and learn from. He didn't suffer in vain he didn't suffer for doing things wrong he suffered for Christ. In Acts Paul's direction is altered by a vision and fruit from that change is the church at Phillipi. As we read this passage we see the encouragement of Paul while being imprisoned. Maybe even chained to a guard, this guard is here and cannot go anywhere he hears Paul record this letter. I am sure that the words being inspired by the Holy Spirit penetrate the heart of this man. Paul wasn't ashamed; he held nothing back for the sake of the cross and the Christ that died on it.

Philippians 1:8-2:8

- I. Vs 11 Scofield show us that the righteous man under law became righteous by doing righteously; under grace he does righteously because he has been made righteous
  - a. Romans 10:3
  - b. Romans 3:22
- II. Vs 12 the furtherance of the Gospel.
  - a. II Corinthians 11:23-12:10
  - b. How do we suffer? How do we hurt for the cause of Christ?
    - i. Personal Suffering
    - ii. Physical Suffering
    - iii. Finical Suffering
- III. Vs 20 ..My hope... who is hoping that your testimony is pure
  - a. Boldness
  - b. Christ be Magnified
- IV. Vs. 21 to Die Romans 6:11
  - a. Daily Die
  - b. Hourly Die
  - c. Minute Die
  - d. Second Die
  - e. Dead is Dead so that Christ will live through us

V. Vs. 29 but also to suffer for His sake

a. Pakistan: Bibles Burned by Muslims

On Sept. 19, 2010 Islamic extremists broke into the Philadelphia Pentecostal Church in Sharif Town, Karachi City, Pakistan, and set fire to

Bibles, hymnals, a musical instrument and a table, according to The Voice of the Martyrs contacts. The church, which is led by Pastors George Rakha and Peter Shahzad, was established six years ago. "At 4 a.m., some fanatics

broke the lock of the church door and entered the church," VOM contacts reported. "They burned three crosses, nine Bibles, five

books of worship songs, a table and a musical instrument Tabla [local drum]."

On Sept. 20, the Christian community displayed a banner protesting the burning of their Bibles.

Christians believe this incident was a

reaction to an American pastor's widely publicized threat to burn copies of the Quran on Sept. 11. Christian leaders in the U.S.

spoke out against the pastor's plan to burn the Quran, and he ultimately decided against it. But it seems that no Muslim leaders

spoke out against the actual burning of Bibles in Pakistan.

VOM encourages you to pray for believers in Pakistan who courageously live for Christ in the midst of opposition. Pray that believers' testimonies and love for Christ will draw their Muslim neighbors into fellowship with Christ.

b. <sup>1</sup> Girl (Name Unknown)

16 or 17 years old

Asia

1970s

The Communist soldiers had discovered their illegal Bible study.

As the pastor was reading from the bible, men with guns suddenly broke into the home, terrorizing the believers who had gathered there to worship. the Communist shouted insults and threatened to kill the Christians. The Leading officer pointed his gun at the pastor's head. "Hand me your Bible," he demanded.

Reluctantly, the pastor handed over the Bible, his prized possession. with a sneer on his face, the guard threw the Word of God on the floor at his feet.

He glared at the small congregation. "We will let you go," he growled, "but first, you must spit on this book of lies. Anyone who refuses will be shot" The believers had no choice but to obey the officers order.

A soldier pointed his gun at one of the men. "You first."

The man slowly got up and knelt down by the Bible. Reluctantly, he spit on it, praying, "Father, please forgive me." He stood up and walked to the door. The soldier stood back and allowed him to leave.

"Okay, you!" the soldier said, nudging a woman forward. In tears, she could barely do what the soldier demanded. She spat only a little, but it was enough. she too was allowed to leave.

Quietly, a young girl came forward. Overcome with love for her Lord, she knelt down and picked up the Bible. She wiped off the spit with her dress. "What have they done to Your Word? Please forgive them," she prayed.

The communist soldier put his pistol to her head. Then pulled the trigger.

- c. What are we doing to spread the Gospel, what are we doing to hinder the gospel?

#### IV. Vs. 7-8 No reputation

- a. He humbled him self
- b. God exalted himself

#### Conclusion

In HIStory we see how persecution is the wind that drives the spread of the gospel. Why as Christians living in a free country are we so against being persecuted for Christ. As Paul says we also need with earnest expectations in nothing be ashamed and in everything count it a joy to be bold in our witness for Christ for whether by death or by life we will bring glory to Him.

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<sup>1</sup>Jesus Freaks—dc Talk and The Voice of the Martyrs, Stories of those who stood for Jesus, (Albury Publishing, 1999) p. 50-51