

Knowing God through Suffering — PART 3

1. Paul's past and present surveyed
2. Paul's successes counted not by his victories but by his defeats
Philippians 1:21 Philippians 3:8-10 Philippians 4:12-13
3. Paul's salvation testimony *Acts 9:1-18*
4. Paul a spectacle (example) to the world *1 Corinthians 4:9-15*
5. Paul had the sentence of death upon himself *2 Corinthians 1:7-14*
6. Paul had supernaturally survived *2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

For this evening:

7. Paul had suffered significantly *2 Corinthians 11:22-31*
8. Paul sustained a physical infirmity *2 Corinthians 12:6-10*
9. Paul's survival spurred on by the hope of the resurrection
1 Corinthians 15:29-34

A. Baptism in question *1 Corinthians 15:29*

B. Battling in question *(v:30-32)*

C. Behaving in question *(v:33-34)*

BUT:

D. There is reason for Objectivity *(v:20-22)*

E. There is reason for Order *(v:23-24)*

F. There is reason for Optimism *(v:25-28)*