

## YPG COMBINED MEETING

**Text: Philippians 1:28-30**

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### UNAFRAID OF SUFFERING

1. Adversaries                      Philippians 1:28

- a) They stand against Christians
- b) They are enemies of the faith

2. Response to adversaries

- a) Never be terrified by enemies                      Philippians 1:28
- b) Their adversarial conduct is proof of their perdition (destruction)

3. A Dynamic approach to the problem of suffering

- a) Our suffering for the Lord is evident of our salvation from God                      Philippians 1:28
- b) Salvation and Suffering go together                      Philippians 1:29
  - i) To believe in Christ
  - ii) To suffer for His sake
- c) This was a clear teaching given by the Lord Jesus Himself
  - i) Jesus Himself sets the example of suffering                      1 Peter 2:21
  - ii) We are to follow His steps                      1 Peter 2:21
  - iii) We are challenged to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him Mark 8:34

4. A word of encouragement

- a) Paul offers himself as an example
- b) He too suffers for the sake of the Gospel
- c) He details some of his sufferings in 2 Corinthians 11

### BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

*Philippians 1:29*

*For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.*