

Overview Chart of Paul's Suffering

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<b>Catalog of Paul's Sufferings</b>	<b>Generalized Pain and Suffering</b>	<b>Public Disgrace and Psychological Pain</b>	<b>Physical Deprivation and Pain</b>	<b>Fatigue from Physical Labor</b>	<b>Political Punishment and Torture</b>
1 Corinthians 4:8-13	last of all; as though sentenced to death; weak; like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things	spectacle to the world; fools for the sake of Christ; held in disrepute; reviled; slandered	hungry and thirsty; poorly clothed; homeless	wearry from the work of our own hands	beaten; persecuted
2 Corinthians 1:3-11	affliction; sufferings of Christ in abundance; felt that we had received the sentence of death	so utterly, unbearably crushed; despaired of life itself	so deadly a peril		
2 Corinthians 4:7-12	afflicted; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus; always being given up to death for Jesus' sake	perplexed			persecuted; struck down
2 Corinthians 6:3-10	afflictions; hardships; calamities; as dying	riots; dishonor; ill repute; treated as impostors; as unknown; sorrowful	imprisonments; sleepless nights; hunger; poor; having nothing	labors	beatings; punished
2 Corinthians 11:23-33	weak/weakness	daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches; indignant (offended?)	five times forty lashes minus one; once a stoning; three times shipwrecked; a night and a day adrift at sea; in danger from rivers, bandits, Jews, Gentiles, in the city, in the wilderness, at	(far greater) labors [than the "superapostles"]; frequent journeys; toil and hardship	(far more) imprisonments [than the "superapostles"]; countless floggings; often near death; three times beaten with rods; near-arrest

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			sea, from false brothers and sisters; many a sleepless night; hungry and thirsty; often without food; cold; naked		
2 Corinthians 12:10	weaknesses; calamities	insults	hardships		persecutions
Romans 8:35	hardship; distress; peril		famine; nakedness		persecution; [sword]*

\*The sword (v. 35) likely refers to the Roman practice of beheading with the sword (Johns S. Pabee, *Persecution and Martyrdom in the Theology of Paul*, JSNTSup6 [Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1985], p. 5), with which Paul would have been familiar but had obviously not yet experienced. (The list in Rom. 8:35 is a list of threats to believers, most experienced but some perhaps only potential, and thus differs slightly from the other lists presented here.)