



SUFFERING IN CHRIST

**JESUS GAVE IT TO THE LORD WHO JUDGES
RIGHTEOUSLY. HE DID NOT FALL INTO THE FLESH**



Submission to Masters

1 Peter 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

22 “Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return;
when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

This applies to all of us, this is the gospel of the Cross of Jesus Christ, when we read this we can now start to understand what it means to take up OUR cross and follow him.



SUFFERING brings out christ in us!

AFTER YOUR SEASON
OF SUFFERING,
God in all His
GRACE WILL
RESTORE,
confirm,
STRENGTHEN AND
ESTABLISH YOU.

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1 Peter 5:10

Peter 3:14-18 NKJV

14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are **blessed**. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Christ's Suffering and Ours

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, **being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,**

***SUFFERING BRINGS OUT THE HIDDEN THINGS IN THE FLESH**



SUFFERING WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST



Peter 4 NKJV

1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

***WHEN YOUR FLESH IS NOT GETTING ITS WAY, YOU ARE NOT SINNING!**
BE NOT OBEDIENT TO THE LUST OF THE FLESH, BUT ARM YOUR SELVES WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST IN THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD!

SUFFERING BRINGS FORTH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AFTER YOU HAVE ENDURED, IT BECOMES OUR FRIEND TO BRING US TO HOLINESS, WE MUST PULL DOWN THE LIE OF THE ENEMY THAT IT IS TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COST!

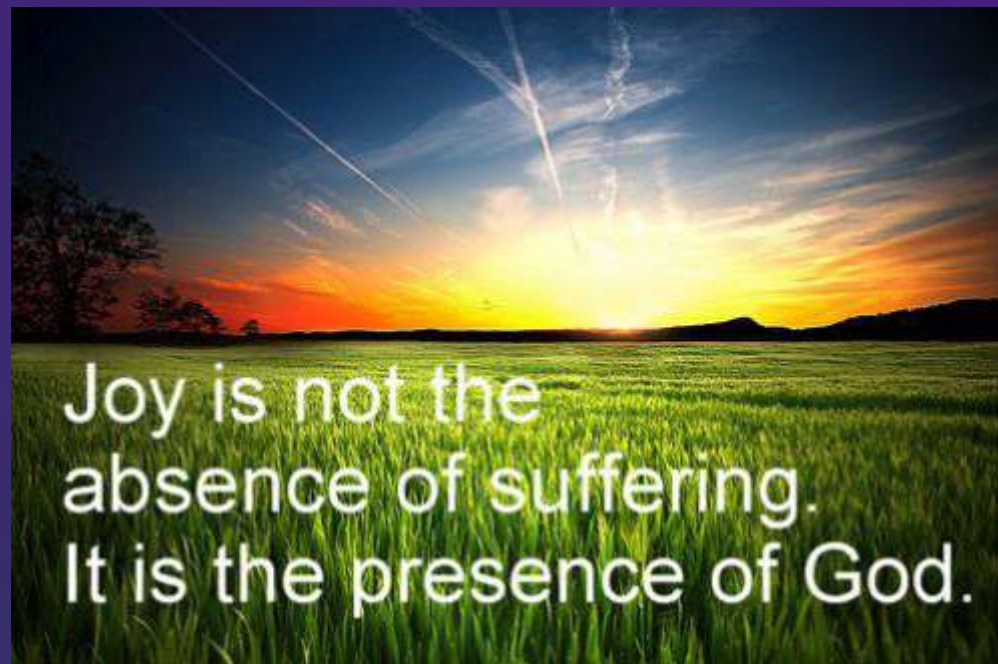
Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **longsuffering**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, **self-control**. **AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.**

WE NEED TO EXPECT SUFFERING WHEN WE ABIDE IN CHRIST !!!



THE JOY OF THE LORD IS NOT DEPENDENT ON CIRCUMSTANCE!



SUFFERING BRINGS HIS GLORY LET US REJOICE!!!

ROMANS 5 V.3 And not only that, but we also glory in **tribulations, (Sufferings)** knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;
4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**DON'T WAIST YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUFFER IN THE FLESH, THIS WILL ONLY ROB YOU OF GOD'S GLORY!
SUFFERING MANIFESTS THE FRUIT OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.**

Suffering for God's Glory

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; **13** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. **14** If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. **15** But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. **16** Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? **18** Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.



SUFFERING BRINGS PERFECTION IN CHRIST

GODS METHOD OF DELIVERANCE: SUFFERING!



PETER 5

V.8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.**

11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

TIMOTHY 3 V.10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, **11** persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—**what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12** Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

MATTHEW 5 V.11 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. **12** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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SUFFERING PURGES OUT THE LEAVEN OF SIN!

- DON'T WAIST THE SUFFERING YOU GO THROUGH IN REBELLION:, COMPLAINING, MURMURING, MALICE, WICKEDNESS, SELF PITY, DISCOURAGEMENT, FEAR, DISAPPOINTMENT ANGER ETC.
- IF WE ENDURE SUFFERING WITH OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST, GOD WILL PURGE US OF THE ENEMY....THE LEAVEN (EVIL).
- JESUS DIDN'T RUN FROM SUFFERING, BUT COMMITTED HIM-SELF TO THE LORD.
- HE DRANK THE CUP OF SUFFERING AND DENIED THE FLESH & WAS GLORIFIED.
- WHEN WE SUFFER WE MUST DIE TO SELF, AND ABIDE IN CHRIST, HE IS OUR SANCTUARY NOW.
- JESUS BECAME PERFECT THROUGH HIS SUFFERING, LIKEWISE WE MUST ALSO BE IMITATORS OF CHRIST BY TAKING UP OUR CROSS ALSO.
- IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN PATIENCE FROM OUR SUFFERINGS, THEN GOD WILL RICHLY REWARD US, WHEN HE CAN TRUST US WITH LITTLE THINGS HE CAN BEGIN TO TRUST US WITH MUCH.
- GOING UNDER THE FLESH WAISTS OUR SUFFERING AND ALLOWS THE ENEMY TO STEAL OUR REWARD!
- DISCERN & LEARN TO DENY THE CARNAL NATURE OF THE UNREGENERATED SOUL.
- WE SEE THIS WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS NOT ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND BY LOOKING BACK TO EGYPT & COMPLAINING LOOKING AT THEIR FLESHLY NATURE AND NOT ABIDING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT .

1 CORINTHIANS 5 V.6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?
7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



WE CAN ALSO LEARN TO AGAPE THROUGH SUFFERING!

With the Outworking of Love... **SUFFERING IN CHRIST OVERCOMES OUR OLD NATURE BY HIS SPIRIT, NOT BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW. (Romans 3:20)**

**This is the Fullfillment
of the law. Romans 8:13**



**IN ORDER TO PUT TO DEATH
THE OLD MAN!!**

ROMANS 8 :17 and if children,
then heirs—heirs of God and joint
heirs with Christ, if indeed we
suffer with *Him*, that we may also
be glorified together.

1 John 4: 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Knowing God by The Outworking of Love

1 John 3:16 By this we know love (agape), because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1 John 5: 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. **And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.**

5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Revelation 12: 11 They triumphed over him, by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; **they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.**

Read: 1 Corinthians 13: Whole Chapter.