

# **"Suffering – How it Helps Us"** Romans 5:3-5 ESV

No one \_\_\_\_\_ suffering. It seems unjust and unfair and unnecessary. Memorize these verses. WHY? Because \_\_\_\_\_.

I. Words that reflect similar meanings to Suffering include:

Pressure	_____	Tribulation	_____
Difficulty	_____	Betrayal	_____
Loss	_____	(circle the ones you have experienced)	

II. \_\_\_\_\_ goes through Suffering. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to live in this fallen world ... and not experience it. John 16:33 Yet the Heavenly Father has a very different \_\_\_\_\_ on Suffering than we do.

**1. "Not only that," V.3** See the \_\_\_\_\_ news in verses 1-2? There is some \_\_\_\_\_ news in verses 3-5. But JESUS wants to build these \_\_\_\_\_ qualities in your life.

**2. "But we \_\_\_\_\_ in our sufferings,"**

A. This is how we \_\_\_\_\_ to rejoice. This is the time when praise and trust are most \_\_\_\_\_; when it truly counts.

B. Rejoicing, praise, and gratitude in the midst of difficulty are \_\_\_\_\_ . Phil. 4:4, 1 Thess. 5:18

C. Christians that \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS the most, are the ones who have Suffered the most.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ ... that suffering ... produces \_\_\_\_\_,"**

A. Because GOD \_\_\_\_\_ us, HE allows \_\_\_\_\_ to come to us. Heb. 12

B. Suffering produces endurance. (perseverance, \_\_\_\_\_, strength)

C. Without endurance you \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of every difficulty.

D. Without endurance and toughness, GOD \_\_\_\_\_ for anything.

E. That means HE cannot \_\_\_\_\_ you, because you \_\_\_\_\_ under pressure.

**4. "And endurance produces \_\_\_\_\_," V.4**

A. Endurance means that you \_\_\_\_\_ when it got rough, hard.

B. Hard things produce \_\_\_\_\_. (Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Production)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ makes you \_\_\_\_\_, if you let it. Galatians 5:22-23

**5. "And character produces \_\_\_\_\_,"**

A. As you become more like JESUS, hope becomes your \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Hope is the \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 8:28

C. Hope for Christians comes from confidence in HIS \_\_\_\_\_. (129 verses)

D. When a person \_\_\_\_\_ all hope, they are in \_\_\_\_\_. In the midst of affliction the Devil \_\_\_\_\_ at you, that GOD cannot be trusted. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to Satan's lies, you will lose all hope, then you lose \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. "And hope does not \_\_\_\_\_," (put us to shame) V.5**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Devil's favorite weapon against you.  
B. Instead of listening to this Father of Lies, \_\_\_\_\_ to GOD. HE is the ONE Who cannot lie. Then \_\_\_\_\_ on HIS Promises. Romans 10:11, Romans 15:13

**7. "Because God's love has been \_\_\_\_\_ into our hearts"**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ love is only a theory. In the midst of battle, HE always arrives on the scene \_\_\_\_\_ upon HIM.  
B. The outcome is not only a \_\_\_\_\_, but more important you find that you now \_\_\_\_\_ far more than ever before. Plus, you have more love for \_\_\_\_\_ that are also suffering.

**8. "Through the \_\_\_\_\_" HE is:**

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| - your _____, <b>John 14:26</b>                                | - your _____/Counselor, <b>John 16:7</b>   |
| - your Leader, <b>Rom. 8:14</b>                                | - your _____, <b>John 14:26</b>            |
| - your _____, <b>John 14:26</b>                                | - your Source of Strength, <b>Acts 1:8</b> |
| - the ONE who teaches you _____ to Pray, <b>Romans 8:26-27</b> |  |

**9. "WHO has been \_\_\_\_\_ to us." Psalm 34:19 (What a Gift!!!)**

HE will get you \_\_\_\_\_ every trial. HE will be \_\_\_\_\_ you during the trial. HE will make you more like \_\_\_\_\_ ... every step of the way.

**Conclusion:**

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Suffering. Don't listen to the Accuser. Draw near to GOD in the midst of trials and suffering. That is where HE will \_\_\_\_\_ you, and where you will learn to love HIM.

