

“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:

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

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.

