

Understanding the Trials of Your Faith (Part 3)

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Scriptures:

- Isaiah 14:13, 14
- 2 Timothy 3:10-12
- 2 Timothy 3:10-12, *NLT*
- John 15:5
- Matthew 5:10-12
- Matthew 5:10-12, *NLT*
- John 9:1-3
- Psalm 118:23
- Ephesians 2:8, 9
- Luke 22:42, *NLT*
- 1 Peter 1:6, 7
- 1 Peter 1:6, 7, *NLT*
- John 6:28, 29, *NLT*

Summary:

The question of why Christian people encounter trouble at all is something we must understand as believers. We need to shed light on this; some people think trials and tribulations come on someone because they sinned. However, God always has a purpose for everything He does; the trial of our faith is His way of purifying it by removing all impurities of depending on ourselves. Reaching the point where we submit our own personal will to God's will allows Him to burn out the dross in us and teach us to trust Him completely.

Notes:

1. Believing in Christ will bring on persecution. For the believer, suffering is to be expected. However, in all our suffering we must rely on God; He delivers us from every situation.
2. Trouble will come to the Christian. However, God is faithful. We must learn to trust God and depend on Him in every situation. As branches, we can only succeed and bear fruit if we depend on Jesus as our life-giving vine.
3. We must be on guard against the attitude that suffering is the result of sin; this way of thinking puts us in bondage. However, God will use suffering so that we can glorify Him. He is always faithful and will never leave us; He is with us in our worst times and at our lowest points.
4. We can take joy when we encounter trouble and persecution; our faith is being purified.

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