

Understanding the Trials of Your Faith

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Scriptures:

- Hebrews 11:4-9, 11, 17, 39, 40
- Habakkuk 2:4
- Romans 1:17
- Galatians 3:11
- Hebrews 10:38
- Galatians 2:20
- Galatians 2:19-21, *MSG*
- John 9:1-3
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- 2 Corinthians 12:10
- Matthew 5:10-12
- Luke 22:42, *NLT*

Summary:

*There's no such thing as a perfect life. Christians can't expect to live free of trouble, tribulation, or suffering; however, we must understand that these things mature us spiritually. God's grace has given us the faith of Jesus Christ. **Our** faith is imperfect and lacking in many ways, but **Jesus'** faith has already been tested and proven to be perfect and complete; believing in **His** faith, not in ours, gives us peace.*

Notes:

1. Before Christ, the people relied on their own faith; we now have *His* faith, which is better. Living by our faith is good, but our faith can falter; living by Jesus' faith is much better. Putting our faith in His faith moves all of our self-effort out of the way.
2. We no longer have to try to please God through self-effort and rule-keeping; that doesn't work. We instead please God by *believing* Him.
3. We mustn't avoid trouble and suffering; God can use it to teach us that we need Him.
4. The notion that Christians should never suffer is mistaken. We associate suffering, trouble, and tribulation with sin; this is a wrong way of thinking.
5. Just as fire burns off the dross from gold and purifies it, God uses trouble to burn off self-centeredness until we realize that we can't do anything without Him.

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