

The Purpose of Suffering (Part 2)  
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Scriptures:

- 1 Peter 1:6, 7
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- 2 Timothy 3:10-12, *NLT*
- Hebrews 2:9, 10
- Luke 22:31-34, *NLT*
- Mark 14:29-31, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-9, *NLT*
- Romans 4:18-24, *NLT*
- Galatians 2:16, *NLT*
- Isaiah 14:13-15, *NLT*
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- 2 Thessalonians 2:4-7, *NLT*
- 1 John 3:8

Summary:

*No one likes adversity or trouble. The world tends to run from it; however, as believers we can embrace it. Painful times may not be enjoyable, but they mature us and purify our trust in God like nothing else can. They determine whether our faith is genuine. When we go through something, grace teaches us to completely rely on God. When we learn to do this, we grow in spiritual maturity.*

Notes:

1. Our faith in God is extremely important; suffering purifies it. We can *expect* persecution. Our faith, not our works, is what pleases God. Trouble will come but enduring through it enables us to outlast the trials our faith undergoes.
2. It's unrealistic to think that life will be easy once we get saved; we *will* go through persecution. However, it's easier to endure knowing God is walking us through it.
3. Our reliance on God, not on our own works, is what makes us righteous in His eyes.
4. *God* is the one who makes us righteous; we don't make ourselves righteous by our own good deeds. We're made right with Him by our dependence on Jesus Christ.
5. The devil's pride and dependence on himself instead of on God caused him to fall. His attitude was summed up in the phrase, "I will."

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