

The Chastening of the Lord

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Scriptures:

- Hebrews 12:5-11
- 1 Peter 5:9
- Romans 6:14, 23
- John 5:24
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Ephesians 2:1, 20
- Hebrews 10:27
- Zechariah 4:6
- Psalm 121:1
- 2 Corinthians 12:7
- 1 Thessalonians 4:7
- Hebrews 12:11, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
- 1 Peter 2:5
- Psalm 118:22, *NKJV*
- 1 Peter 2:6
- Acts 4:11, *NKJV*

Summary:

*Living under grace as believers means we are God's children. As our heavenly Father, He loves us enough to chasten and correct us as needed. It is painful while we are going through it, but it is **not** punishment; chastening is a sign that we are God's son or daughter. It is God's way of dealing with our sins, but doing so in love. Just like the purification process gold goes through to burn out all impurities, God uses the chastening process to remove everything in us that's displeasing to Him—including self-dependence. This type of impurity includes all self-centeredness, all self-will, and all tendencies to take the glory and credit for God's blessings for ourselves. We are unlike the unsaved world that doesn't know Jesus and therefore does not undergo the chastening process; we therefore can rejoice when we do undergo it.*

Notes:

1. God corrects us out of love. As His children, we can expect this from our heavenly Father.
2. We must not try to avoid God's correction; He uses it to work impurities out of us that need to be removed. He does this with those He loves.
3. Under the new covenant of grace, punishment is God's wrath poured out on those who reject His Son. We are no longer under punishment, but under grace; we now receive God's unrestrained, unrestricted, unconditional love.
4. God allows us to go through things to teach us to depend on Him, not on ourselves. The purpose of the purifying work of the Father is that we might be partakers of His holiness.

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