

Benefits of Justification: Rejoicing in Suffering

Romans 5:3-5

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How can we know that we are Christians?

Assurance of faith has a foundation that we build upon.

What are the possible purposes in our sufferings?

- 1) It may be character building. Hebrews 12:11,
- 2) It may be that God is correcting us. Hebrews 12:5-7,
- 3) It may be that God is building up others through your trial. (Think Job).
- 4) It may be that God is bringing glory to himself. (Think of the man born blind.)

We can rejoice Suffering because of what we know.

What do we know?

There is purpose, meaning, direction in our trials.

What qualifies as suffering?

God uses this worlds troubles to prepare us for glory in the next. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Where are we looking? The present trial or the future glory?

2 Timothy 3:12, John 16:33, Acts 14:21-22.

Suffering produces Endurance.

Strength to bear up under trials.

Don't panic in a bull market.

Endurance produce Character

Troubles are like a spiritual mirror; they show who you are in Christ.

Presidential Fitness Test in 5th grade.

Trials reveal to us the strength of Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Character produces hope

Trials reveal the Holy Spirit in you.

Practical advice for when trouble comes.

Remember that God has a purpose in your troubles.

Remember who you are in Christ.

Remember what God has promised to you in time of trouble.

Remember what God has promised for you after your time of trouble.