



And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. – 2 Corinthians 3:18

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, - Romans 5:3-4

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” – Matthew 24:9-13

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. – James 1:2-4

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. – 1 Corinthians 15:10

For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet He did not sin. – Hebrews 4:15

Sermon Notes: Christian Suffering (Purposes) – Part 3

There are things that God does, gives and develops within us during times of great pain and suffering that cannot be done, cannot be received, and cannot be developed inside of us in any other way.

Knowing Christ and becoming like Him is our ultimate aim as believers.

Progressive sanctification

Endurance

Endurance as it relates to suffering

Suffering is a necessary and gracious component of our salvation.