

Romans 4:25 - 5:1 (NIV)

He was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.

^{5:1} Therefore, since we have been justified
through faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:2-3 (NIV)

² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

Romans 5:4-5 (NIV)

perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us

**And HOPE does NOT
Disappoint**

Romans 5:3-5

Hebrews 12:11 (NIV)

No **DISCIPLINE** seems pleasant
at the time, **but painful.**

Later on, however, it produces **a harvest
of righteousness** and peace for those
who have been **TRAINED** by it.

The difficulties of life are **NOT random**,
meaningless, or wasted when we are
TRUSTING God.

Our **HOPE** needs to **GROW** and **DEVELOP**
with the rest of our spiritual being.

Rejoicing during suffering will **increase** our
endurance and **strengthen** our overall
character, **leading** to a more **mature HOPE.**

→ **WHY** should we **REJOICE** in our
Suffering?

²...And we **REJOICE** in the **HOPE** of the
glory of God.

³ Not only so, but we also

REJOICE in our **SUFFERINGS...**

**>Jesus PROMISED we would
Experience TRIALS and STRUGGLES**

John 15:20 (NIV)

Remember the words I spoke to you:

No servant is GREATER than his Master.

If they **PERSECUTED ME,**

they WILL persecute you also...

John 16:33 (NIV)

I have told you these things, so that

***in ME* you may have PEACE.**

In this world you **WILL have trouble.**

But take heart.

I have **OVERCOME** the world.

>Teaching on Suffering was Common in Early Church

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

Consider it pure **JOY**, my brothers,
whenever you face **trials of many kinds**,
³ because you know that the **TESTING** of
your FAITH develops **perseverance**.

⁴ **Perseverance** must finish its work so that
you may be **MATURE** and complete,
not lacking anything.

1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

So then, **those who SUFFER**
according to **God's will** should **commit**
themselves to their **FAITHFUL Creator**
and continue to do good.

**→ We REJOICE in Suffering
because of WHAT we KNOW**

³ Not only so, but we
also **REJOICE** in our sufferings,
because we **KNOW...**

We **REJOICE** in suffering, **NOT** because we like **PAIN** or deny its **TRAGEDY**, but because **WE KNOW** God is using life's difficulties and Satan's attacks to **BUILD** our **character**. LAB

**→ God has Poured out His LOVE
on us by the Holy Spirit**

⁵ And this **HOPE** will not lead to
disappointment. For we know how
dearly **God loves us**, because He has
given us the **Holy Spirit** to
FILL our hearts with **His LOVE**. (NLT)



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5 And this **HOPE** will not lead to **disappointment**. For we **KNOW** how dearly **God loves us**, because he has given us **the Holy Spirit to FILL** our hearts with **His love**. (NLT)

→ **Because God is Sovereign there is ALWAYS HOPE during our Suffering**

Jeremiah was able to place his (and Israel's) **affliction in proper perspective**

by remembering how it related **to God's character and His covenant** with His people.

Judah's afflictions were **NOT** cruel acts of a fickle God who **DELIGHTED** in inflicting **PAIN** on helpless people. BKC

Lamentations 3:21-23 (NLT)

Yet I still DARE to HOPE

when I remember this:

²² The faithful love of the LORD
NEVER ends. His **MERCIES** never cease.

²³ Great is His **FAITHFULNESS**;
His **MERCIES** begin afresh
each morning.

Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before **Him endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the **throne of God**.

³ **Consider Him** who **endured such opposition** from sinful men, so that you will **NOT** grow **weary** and **lose heart**.

³ **CONSIDER Him** who endured
such opposition from sinful men,
so that you will **NOT** grow weary
and **LOSE heart.**