

THE CHURCH 57

II CORINTHIANS 1:3

3 ¶ Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

II CORINTHIANS 1:4

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

II CORINTHIANS 1:5

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

II CORINTHIANS 1:6

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

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I CORINTHIANS 4:11

11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

I CORINTHIANS 4:12

12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

I CORINTHIANS 4:13

13 Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

II CORINTHIANS 1:6

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II CORINTHIANS 1:7

7 ¶ And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

II CORINTHIANS 1:8

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

II CORINTHIANS 1:9

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

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100 Sometimes, believers put to the test. Not sometimes; every time! "For every son that cometh to God must be chastened, tried, child-trained." Remember, the trials, the dusty roads, the hot sun of persecution, but the loyalty of your heart beats that material till she is ready to go into the mold. God's children is made up correctly on His Word, for they are living examples, and the Word of God living through them. See? **The trial comes to shake you, to put you to the very bottom, to see where you'll stand.** They tested, try every son that cometh to God.

101 Job went through the trials and the tests. His children taken; everything else taken. The church members come, accused him of being a secret sinner, and tried to say everything against him, but yet he wouldn't listen to any of it. He knowed he had met God's requirements. He knowed there's no need of Satan trying to tempt him. He knowed it was the devil. **And as long as**

Satan can make him believe that his sickness was his God doing it, he had Job whipped. But when Job once struck that revelation, that it was not God! He was only going through his trials to make him something. **It wasn't God doing it. It was Satan doing it.**

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102 **And same thing today. He'll try to tell you these trials and thing is your God trying to put punishment upon you.** It isn't so. No, sir. It's Satan doing that, and God permitting it, to temper you; to make you see if you're--you are tied to this earth, by the earth cares, or whether your treasures is in Heaven. "For wherever your treasures is, there you are also." That's right. Your heart is where your treasures are.

II CORINTHIANS 6:4

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

II CORINTHIANS 6:5

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

II CORINTHIANS 6:6

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

II CORINTHIANS 11:23

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

II CORINTHIANS 11:24

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

II CORINTHIANS 11:25

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

II CORINTHIANS 11:26

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

II CORINTHIANS 11:27

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

II CORINTHIANS 11:28

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

ACTS 9:13

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

ACTS 9:14

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

ACTS 9:15

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

ACTS 9:16

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

ACTS 20:22

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

ACTS 20:23

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

ACTS 20:24

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

ROMANS 5:2

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ROMANS 5:3

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

MATTHEW 5:10

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 5:11

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

MATTHEW 5:12

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

ACTS 5:41

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

ROMANS 5:3

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

Our English word "tribulation" comes from a Latin word tribulum. In Pauls day, a tribulum was a heavy piece of timber with spikes in it, used for threshing the grain. The tribulum was drawn over the grain and it separated the wheat from the chaff.