

Suffering for Righteousness Sake

3-Key Principles to Understand Scriptures:

1. Major on what the E_____ weight of scriptures say vis-à-vis a verse or text that seem to suggest otherwise. Psalm 119:160
2. Know the difference between the old covenant and the N_____ covenant. Jeremiah 31:31-34
3. Know the testimony and revelation of the L_____ J_____. John 14:9

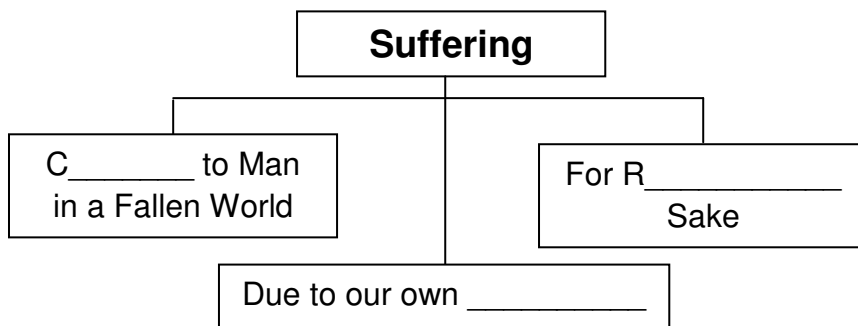
Summary Of Suffering Common To Man In A Fallen World

- I. "The Sovereignty of God" Acts 17:28
- II. In God's Sovereignty, He gave man a F_____ will and complete O_____ of the E_____ realm. Genesis 1:26; 28 Deuteronomy 30:19
- III. Two S_____ of suffering in this world affecting A_____ mankind.
 - A. F_____ of Man – Man rebelled against God and F_____. Romans 3:23; 6:23
 - B. Man's Fallenness caused him to lose his ruler-ship over this earth to the E_____ O_____. John 10:10a
- IV. Suffering in this world.
 - A. This suffering affects B_____ the believer and the pre-believer in this fallen world. John 16:33
 - B. Therefore, when someone dies from a sickness or an earthquake, it is due to the _____ of man in a fallen world.

God is N_____ the **direct** source of sickness or all the evil, accidents, wickedness and calamities on the earth.
 - C. A_____ saying: "**God allows**".
 - D. Rather say "**God is S _____**".

- E. Understand clearly the difference between the direct J_____ of God and the R_____ of consequences of man's actions.
 - F. At the individual level, man will R_____ what he sows according to the respective laws of life.
 - G. In these last days, there will be an I_____ of earthquakes, wars, famines and pestilences and lawlessness according to the scriptures.
- V. The spiritual world cannot intervene in the natural world unless there is a C_____.
- VI. God is good and is C_____ good all the time. James 1:17

If you are suffering, do you know WHY?



I. **Suffering due to our own _____.** 1 Peter 2:20a

2 broad areas:

1. **Our S_____ nature - the S_____ in us.** Hebrews 12:1

This comprise:

A. Our P_____.

B. Our R_____ and W_____ Style.

2. Our sins are:

A. The things we have done which are W_____.
1 Peter 2:20a 1 Peter 4:15 Galatians 5:19-21

B. The things we ought to do but _____ to do so.

II. Suffering for R_____ sake.

2 broad areas:

1. P_____ for our faith.

2 Timothy 3:12 Galatians 5:11 Philippians 1:29

1 Peter 3:14; 3:16-17; 4:14, 16, 19

2. In following C_____ as His disciples. 1 Peter 4:12-13

A. This is our journey to overcome the E_____ O_____. Revelation 12:11

B. This is our journey to overcome the W_____. 1 John 2:15-16; 5:4-5

C. This is our journey to overcome our S_____ -L_____. Luke 9:23

III. All suffering by a believer is a trial of his F_____.

1. This includes:

A. Suffering in a F_____ W_____.

B. Suffering due to our own "F_____".

C. Suffering for R_____ S_____.

1 Peter 1:7

Mark 4:17

2. When the believer connects with God during the trial i.e.

A. He will develop strength in P_____. Romans 5:3 James 1:3

B. He will develop the C_____ of Christ. Romans 5:4a

C. He will have H_____. Romans 5:4b

D. He will experience the deep assurance of the L_____ of God. Romans 5:5

E. He will be V_____ i.e. an O_____. James 1:4

F. He can now M_____ to others the Grace of God.
2 Corinthians 1:3-5 1 Peter 4:10-11

Bottom Line:

Suffering for **Our Own Faults**

1 John 1:9

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Philippians 3:10

Revelation 22:12