

Week 2 of 3

A new understanding of suffering: Romans 5:3-5

"We rejoice in our sufferings" is found 35 x's in Paul's writings.

Suffering produces **endurance** -- Pressure leads to staying power or an attitude of overcoming.

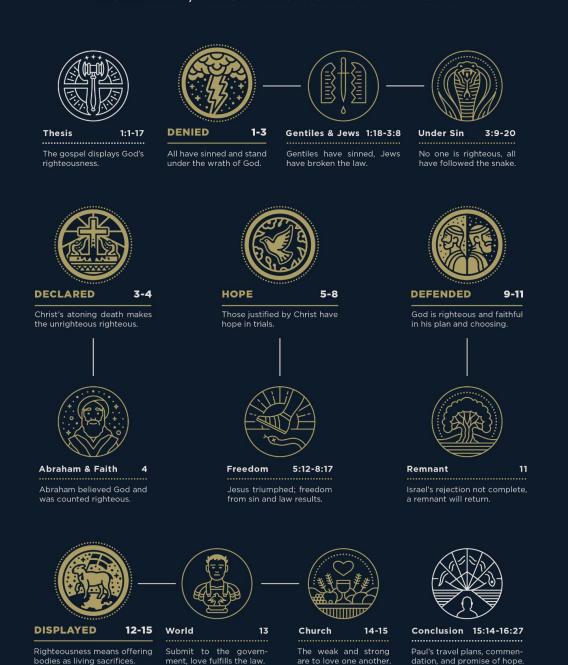
Endurance produces **character** -- approved metal whose impurities have been removed.

Character produces **hope** -- Final step in spiritual maturity -- not tuition we pay but the diploma we receive when we suffer the tests.

Romans 6 -- keep on sinning? No, that would be a perversion of grace! We are DEAD to sin. Baptism -- your public confession -- united with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection.

Romans 6:6 -- corporate sense -- the body of Sin is opposite the Body of Christ Every baptism means the body of Sin loses a member and the Body of Christ gains one. This is why we celebrate!

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Romans 8

Beginning: No Condemnation

Middle: No Defeat

End: No Separation

Funeral and Little Old Lady Sucker Punches Pastor Jon...

There's a big difference between building a castle and building a Kingdom.

Castles have DUNGEONS for people who screwed up. Kingdoms have BRIDGES to let people in.

Castles have TROLLS. Kingdoms have room for EVERYONE!

Let people GROW where they're ACCEPTED, not where they're INFORMED.

Just love people -- you don't need to burn down other people's opinions. It doesn't make you right, it just makes you an arsonist!