



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!

ROMANS / RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD



Thesis 1:1-17

The gospel displays God's righteousness.



DENIED 1-3

All have sinned and stand under the wrath of God.



Gentiles & Jews 1:18-3:8

Gentiles have sinned, Jews have broken the law.



Under Sin 3:9-20

No one is righteous, all have followed the snake.



DECLARED 3-4

Christ's atoning death makes the unrighteous righteous.



HOPE 5-8

Those justified by Christ have hope in trials.



DEFENDED 9-11

God is righteous and faithful in his plan and choosing.



Abraham & Faith 4

Abraham believed God and was counted righteous.



Freedom 5:12-8:17

Jesus triumphed; freedom from sin and law results.



Remnant 11

Israel's rejection not complete, a remnant will return.



DISPLAYED 12-15

Righteousness means offering bodies as living sacrifices.



World 13

Submit to the government, love fulfills the law.



Church 14-15

The weak and strong are to love one another.



Conclusion 15:14-16:27

Paul's travel plans, commendation, and promise of hope.



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!