

“Restored Hope”

1 Peter 1:3,4

The theological question:

Does God _____ something because it is going to happen, or does it _____ because God knows it?
(1 Pet. 1:2)

Truth #1:

All your suffering is _____ by God, not necessarily _____ by God.
(Heb. 12:6,11; Rom. 8:28,29; 1 Pet. 1:2-4)

Truth #2:

To restore your lost hope, don't look _____; look _____ and _____.
(1 Pet. 1:13)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe one of the following: an inheritance you have gotten, hope to get, or hope to give.
2. Read Col. 3:23,24. How should knowing you have a future inheritance from God affect how you are living now? Does it? Why do you think most Christians, perhaps even yourself, spend so little time thinking about their heavenly inheritance?
3. What trials in life have shaped you the most? How do you feel about having to have gone through those trials? Do you regret that you had to go through them? Why or why not?
4. Read Phil. 1:6. How is what is being taught here accomplished in a person's life? Can it be accomplished without suffering? Explain your response. If suffering is part of the perfecting process, what does that indicate about what your response to suffering should look like?
5. Read 2 Cor. 4:17. What does this teach about suffering? How should this truth affect your attitude and actions when it comes to suffering?
6. Rom. 8:28 teaches that all things (specifically suffering, which is the context of the chapter), are being used for “good.” Verse 29 describes “good” as becoming conformed to the image of God's Son. Explain how this should play out in your life on a day-to-day basis.

