

Christ's Suffering - My Suffering

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You have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.

Philippians 1:29 NLT

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

Romans 5:3b-4 ESV

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5 KJV

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature.

Hebrews 1:3a BSB

In Christ I See My Suffering . . .

1. Is from the fall, not God.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone.

Romans 5:12a NLT

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was pierced for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5 ESV

2. Is shared with God.

I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to Him in His death.

Philippians 3:10 MSB

" . . . knowing that suffering produces endurance. . . "

Romans 5:3b ESV

3. Is not wasted.

Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?

Luke 24:26 CSB

[God] made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Colossians 1:20b NLT

In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

1 Peter 5:10 NLT

4. Is not the end.

" . . . character produces hope."

Romans 5:4b ESV

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NLT

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.

Revelation 21:4 NLT

Weekend Music:

How Great Thou Art (Stuart Wesley) • Oh The Cross (UPPERROOM)
Breakthrough (Red Rocks Worship)