

## A Christian Response to Suffering Romans 5:3-5

### Immediate Context – *Romans 5:1-2*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this **grace** in which we stand, and **we rejoice** in **hope of the glory of God**.*

**BIG IDEA:** Christian suffering is worth every difficult moment.

**I.** God never \_\_\_\_\_ suffering in the lives of His children.

**A.** Christian suffering produces biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

**B.** Christian suffering produces biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

**C.** Christian suffering produces biblical \_\_\_\_\_.

***Observation:** God’s gifts of faith and grace enable Christians to approach suffering as part of God’s good plan rather than as evil.*

**II.** God never uses suffering to \_\_\_\_\_ His children. Rather, God uses suffering to progressively \_\_\_\_\_ Christians into the image of His beloved Son.

**A.** Biblical endurance grows through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian suffering.

**B.** Biblical character grows through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian suffering.

**C.** Biblical hope grows through the \_\_\_\_\_ reality of Christian suffering.

***Observation:** While God does use suffering to discipline disobedient Christians (Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 11:30; Heb. 12:5-10), Christian suffering is always sanctifying in its purpose.*

**III.** God never \_\_\_\_\_ loving His children during their suffering. His love for them never ends and never \_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** God's love for each Christian is \_\_\_\_\_.

**B.** God's love for each Christian is \_\_\_\_\_.

***Observation:** While Christian suffering will end one glorious day, and while our love for God will only increase, God's love for His children will never decrease or increase.*

### Implications/Application

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