



6 Points: Regarding Suffering/Affliction on Behalf of Christ

1. Suffering is a grace gift [Phil 1:29]
2. Suffering is a real part of the normal Christian life: [Phil. 1:29]
3. Believers are appointed to trials & suffering
 - a) By God as His ambassador
 - b) We represent our country: Heaven
 - c) We represent our sovereign: God [I Thes 3:3; 2:14,15]
4. The Believer's suffering is intrinsic in his Identification with Christ:
 - a) "we suffer with Him" [Rom 8:16-18]
 - b) "we are partakers of Christ's sufferings" [I Pet 4:13]



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5. God's Purpose in Suffering is to Reveal His Glory (essential essence) through the Believer
 - a) The greatest manifestation of God's glory through Christ was during His suffering at the cross and then resurrection to Life
 - b) Likewise, the greatest manifestation of God's glory through the believer is during his/her suffering (and reckoning him/herself dead to the sin nature *[which desires immediate deliverance from suffering/circumstances]* & alive unto God, who we can trust through the circumstances and sufferings [Rom 6:11; 8:16-18] [I Pet 4:12-16])
6. God's glory will be revealed through suffering as we enjoy his sweet company, fellowship, love, matchless grace, compassion, empathy and all comfort as we rest in Him during our suffering [II Cor 1:5]

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