

Our Joy in Suffering



Sermon Questions

1. What is the most important and most comforting truth when we face difficulties?
 - a. That God has nothing to do with anything bad that happens.
 - b. That God is always in complete control of all things.
 - c. That God sympathizes with our suffering.
 - d. That while things may be difficult, that is the cost of being free creatures.
2. As Christians, should we believe that even difficulties are for our own good? (Yes/No)
3. Complete the following ways how suffering is for our good:
 - a. Suffering is deepens _____ and _____.
 - b. Suffering forces _____ on God.
 - c. Suffering weans us from the _____ and sets our hope on _____.
 - d. Suffering prepares us for _____.
4. Who learned obedience through suffering? (hint: see Hebrews 5:8) _____.
5. What do you turn to when you are sad or face difficulty? _____.

6. Math Test! How many *lashes* did the apostle Paul receive? (2 Cor 11:24–28)
- a. 40 lashes
 - b. 200 lashes
 - c. 196 lashes
 - d. 45 lashes
7. What hope do people who are not Christians have when suffering?
- a. The God will still forgive them.
 - b. No hope apart from turning from sin and putting faith in Jesus.
 - c. That death will bring an end to their suffering and lead to something better.

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