

Christian Suffering

Definition of Terms

Temptation: An enticement or invitation to sin with the implied promise of greater good to be derived from following the way of disobedience; a putting to proof (Matt. 4:9; I Thess. 3:5; I Cor. 10:13; II Peter 2:9)

Persecution: The hatred and affliction that follows the witness and holy life of God's people in a hostile world (Matt. 5:10; I Peter 2:19-20)

Trial: An adversity; the enduring of this adversity proves the merit of an individual's faith. Your faith is on trial. (James 1:2; I Peter 4:13)
Christ is our example. (Luke 4:1-13)

Tribulation: A great adversity or anguish; intense opposition or persecution. (John 16:33)

Adversity: Hardship or affliction (Isa 30:20; Heb 13:3)

Anguish: An agonizing physical or mental torment (Romans 5:3; Acts 14:22)

Affliction: Any condition or problem that produces suffering or pain.

Test: To ascertain (evaluate) the worth of a person by subjecting to certain examinations. To prove.

Chastening: Another word for chastening is discipline. This is God's way of correcting us when He has found something that is offensive in our lives. However, it does not always mean that we have done anything wrong but is also a means of God's transformation process in order that saints will reflect His character. (Hebrews 12:5-11)

Other Terms: Offences (Luke 17:1), Distress, Oppression