

*“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also **Freely Give Us All Things?**”*
Romans 8:32 KJV



When we think of receiving gifts from God do we also consider that our trials also come from Him as well? *“All things”* includes suffering, tears, and heartache. Why? You may ask. That we may know the *“fellowship of HIS suffering.”* You don’t begin to have fellowship with God until you can face your suffering with the same mind as Christ; *“Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”* We may think we are capable of suffering for Christ until we begin to suffer. Then all we do is moan and bewail our lot as if some strange thing is happening. *“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”* We must patiently and quietly endure as our Lord if we are to expect God to reward us. *“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (trials); Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. For we are saved by Hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we Hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”* We are never alone in our troubles. Just as angels ministered to Christ, God will send encouragement our way when needed. Do you really want to know God?

To suff’ring I must enter in,
To know the fellowship of Him,
I must with Christ endure the pain,
If I do ever hope to gain. –CGP

Paul wrote, *“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the Faith of Christ, the Righteousness which is of God by Faith: That I may know Him, and the Power of His Resurrection, and the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS.”* Fellowship is common interest. You can never understand another’s suffering unless you have undergone the same. Grief is an example. You can better comfort a grieving person if you have suffered loss yourself. *“Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith; who for the Joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the Throne of God.”* The Joy set before us in our sufferings is the anticipation of eternal bliss with our Lord!

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the FEELING of our infirmities; but was in ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain Mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:15-16
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