

“PARTAKE
IN MY
SUFFERINGS.”

1 PETER 4:12-13.

THE WORD I RECEIVED

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- HOLY SPIRIT



WALL OF LIES

“He suffered, so **I didn't**
have to!”

“Jesus **doesn't want** us to
suffer!”

“He will **keep us** from
suffering!”

“It is **NOT** in His will
for you to suffer!”

“The Church will **NOT**
experience suffering in the
tribulation...we're gonna be
gone!”

“Suffering is **NOT**
your portion!”

NEWS FLASH!

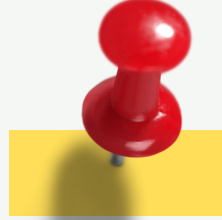
Suffering comes with
The Faith.

The early church knew persecution came with the faith, but this modern-day Christianity, **“Jesus Will Keep Us From It!”** False. Scripture says completely otherwise. Persecution is a way for Jesus to **TEST YOUR FAITH:** **“When your life is on the line, will you forsake Me? Do you love Me more than your own life?”**

Are you **greater** than Christ?

If Stephen was **STONED** to death for his faith, what makes you clear? If the apostles were beaten and sent to prison for their faith, what makes you clear? People **DIED** for their faith: sawn asunder; crucified; burned etc. **EVEN** our own Savior was **persecuted to DEATH**, and you won't be? Are you greater than Him?

*John 15:20, "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also."
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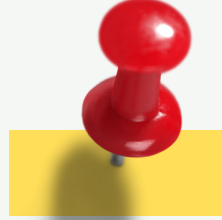


INTRODUCTION

We want Christ...but we don't want all of Him.
“Yes, I do!” Okay...what's your immediate response to suffering, pain, or “let-downs”? You fold under pressure, don't you? You start questioning is “**Jesus even with me?!**”, don't you? **Do you rejoice?** Do you give Him praise for your suffering, or do you complain? *Oh.*

...so like I said--We want Christ...but we don't want all of Him. This is why He told me-

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THE REASON WHY WE HOLD ONTO THESE LIES

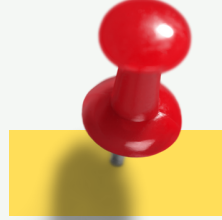
is simply because of our flesh and *tainted* mindset.

The Church has been weak and “dumbed down” over the decades. We’re not being taught what The Acts church was taught.

Our hearts and minds are not minding the **THINGS** of The Spirit or the kingdom of God and all His righteousness--our affections are set on worldly things: man and mammon. It’s focused on self (i.e. dreams, aspirations, ambitions).

It’s no wonder we hold onto these lies because we still want self-fulfillment, when we are supposed to die to self (Romans 12:1).

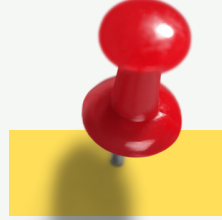
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NOW THIS MINDSET...

In **Jeremiah 17:9**, we are shown our heart (mind & soul) is **deceitful** above all things and **desperately wicked**. Therefore, we have to renew our minds. **Romans 12:2**, “...but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” **KJV Version**.

Now you may not agree with this, but this mindset of “**suffering isn’t your portion!**” is deceitful and wicked and you need to **PURGE** it. The I AM is **NOT** pleased with this corrupted mindset The Church has **ADOPTED**. This is not what **HIS** Acts Church was taught, yet we are endorsing it.



RENEWING OUR MINDS

So what are we renewing our minds to? Back to The Word of God. The things of the Spirit.

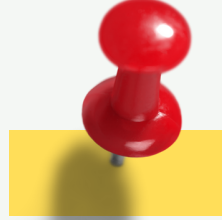
Romans 8:5-6, “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” **KJV Version.**

Remember I said, “**self-fulfillment**” earlier? That is being “**carnally minded**”, and what does that lead to? *Death*. However, minding the things of The Spirit, such as treasuring the scriptures for what they **REALLY** say will bring *life and peace*.



COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

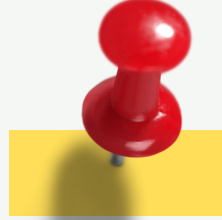
“If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **(2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** **(3) For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.** **(4) When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”** KJV Version.



MATTHEW 26:38-39 & 42

“Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. (39) And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

(42) He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.” **KJV Version.**



THE MIND OF AN END TIMES BELIEVER

Those previous scriptures should be the mindset of an End Times Believer. Paul is already saying you're dead and your life is in Christ, so what is natural suffering and death to you? and Jesus, our Precious Savior, is showing us how to cope with sufferings:

You can be sorrowful about suffering and death because it isn't pain-free, BUT when you plea to your Father about the affliction, make sure you add, "nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt..." AND "if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done", if it is HIS WILL for you to suffer.

*Did you know it **CAN** be The
I AM's **WILL** that you suffer?*

A lot of The Church doesn't know (because of lack of intimacy) who their Savior is and how He perceives suffering AND death.

“
1 Peter 4:19, Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.” KJV Version.

1 Peter 3:17, “For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.”
KJV Version.

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Did you **know** this verse was
in the scripture, as well?


Psalm 116:15, “Precious in the sight of
the LORD is the *death* of his saints.”
KJV Version.

Huh?! Why would the death of The I AM's saints be
precious in His sight? Well, birth is the entryway into
Earth. Death is the entryway into Heaven or Hell.
Death is precious to Him because His children will be
coming back to Him.
Remember: this isn't your home. Home is where HE is.

*I told my **sisters** in Christ this...*

*“This is **NOT** your home. You are but a pilgrim. A mere traveler. Do not get comfortable in this motel, when a mansion awaits you.”*

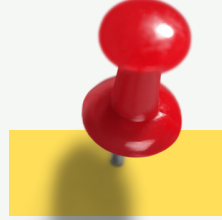
MANY of us are not willing to forsake this motel...as a result, we are not willing to partake in The I AM's suffering and death.



ACTS 4:23-24 & 29-31

“And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. **(24)** And when they heard that, **they lifted up their voice to God with one accord**, and said Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

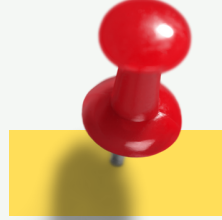
(29) And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **(30)** By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. **(31)** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” KJV Version.



THE ACTS CHURCH

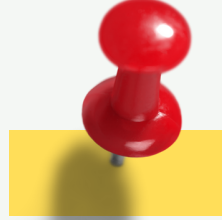
The Acts Church had this type of mindset. This mindset pleased The Head of The Church: Jesus Christ. Read **Acts 4:23-31**. During this time, The Church was being threatened. Literally threatened and this was their response, “**GIVE US MORE BOLDNESS TO SPREAD YOUR WORD!**” They didn’t question The I AM or their mission. They didn’t cry out, “**Why have you forsaken us?!**”, or “**Why do you allow them to threaten us?!**” No, they didn’t. They just wanted **more boldness** to do what they were **CALLED** to do: to speak on and do acts in the name of Jesus.

They *understood* suffering came with The Faith, *unlike* The Church today.



ACTS 5:40-42

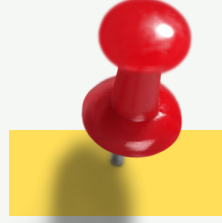
“And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and **beaten** them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. (41) **And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. (42) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” KJV Version.**



HOLD ON...

They what? Rejoiced that they were **COUNTED WORTHY TO SUFFER** for His name? Why would they rejoice in suffering?

Matthew 5:10-12, “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. (12) Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” **KJV Version.**

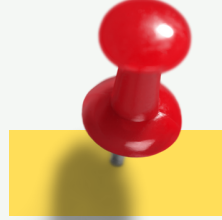


THE RIGHT MINDSET

The Eternal Promises from their Savior, such as **Matthew 5:10-12** was the reason they reacted the way they did. **Their mind was set on things up above.** They remembered they were blessed for what was happening to them and they should **rejoice** and be **exceeding glad** because what?

Their reward in heaven would be **great!**

They weren't worried about **self-fulfillment** or suffering. They were focused on *obeying* their King **however** He saw fit, despite whatever pain or affliction was **attached** to it.



BASICALLY...

This is what The Acts Church has over the modern day Church: **they desperately wanted to be with their Savior.**

“**How dare you?!**” Well, examine your heart (as I do the same). Examine your past thoughts and choices. Have they leaned on the side of *self-fulfillment* or *Christ-fulfillment*? Let me explain.

Remember self-fulfillment means to fulfill **ONE'S** hopes and ambitions. I tweaked it and said Christ-fulfillment means to fulfill **CHRIST'S will and hope** in your life, even if it doesn't meet your ambitions.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-9

“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **(2) For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:** **(3)** If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. **(4)** For we that are in this tabernacle do **groan, being burdened:** not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-9

“(5) Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. (6) Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, **we are absent from the Lord:** (7) (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) (8) **We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.** (9) Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we maybe accepted of him.”

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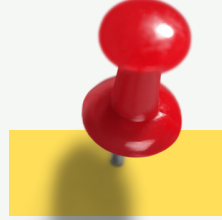


PAUL DESPERATELY WANTED CHRIST

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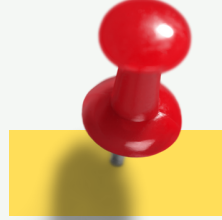
Proverbs 4:7, “...and with **ALL THY GETTING
GET UNDERSTANDING.**” KJV Version.

Paul and the rest of our brethren were **BURDENED** and **GROANING** while in this earth, why? Because they were away from their Savior. They *desperately* wanted to be present with Jesus Christ. They *desperately* wanted to be in His Kingdom. They *desperately* wanted **ALL** of Him.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; (18) While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” KJV Version.



ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

Paul knew his suffering wasn't in vain because it was working for him a **FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY**. Based off of this, what was Paul's mind set on? Things up above or things on this earth? **Things up above.** He even said we look **NOT** at the things which are seen because it is **TEMPORARY**. Our troubles and suffering is so minute compared to the glory that awaits us at the end.

This mindset helped the church partake in Christ's sufferings.



1 PETER 4:12-16 & 19

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto: **(13) 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. (14) If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. (15) But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters.**”



1 PETER 4:12-16 & 19

“(16) Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

(19) Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.” KJV Version.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:10-11

“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. (11) For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.” KJV Version.

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1. **Renew** your mind

Purge and **eradicate** this mindset of self-fulfillment and “suffering isn’t my portion!” because suffering is a part of The Faith and you’re supposed to die to self. Find and meditate on scripture dealing with suffering and self denial.

2. **Partake** and **Embrace** Christ’s Sufferings.

Instead of complaining, **rejoice** and give The I AM the glory when you suffer because your reward in heaven awaits you. Your reward isn’t in this earth, but in heaven. **Set your affection on the kingdom of God.**

3. Remember trouble **doesn’t** last always. Glory **awaits** you.

You’re a pilgrim. **A mere traveler.** This **ISN’T** your home. Home is where Christ is.

Also, how can we say we want to be **End Times Soldiers** for Christ, when we can't even **bear** the small sufferings we encounter daily?

The suffering we endure now **CANNOT** even compare to what we will experience in the tribulation. **WE** (because I'm examining my heart too) have to get it together brethren, but The Most High is about to help those who are **willing** and **HUMBLE**. He is about to do a **MIGHTY** work through His Church: **refinement**. It may hurt, but it's going to be needed, so we can resemble The Acts Church once again and be used for **HIS GLORY**: doing acts and spreading The Word in *boldness and faith!*

*Romans 8:18, “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.” KJV Version.*

*“...It is either **ALL** of Me or
NONE of Me.”*

*The **choice** is yours.*