

# Suffering – Trouble

Basically, what Paul is saying is that when troubles come in our lives as a result of our walk with the Lord, we learn to endure and through endurance, we are matured and proven in our character. Then as we see God sustain us in the difficult time, we can rest in the deep settled knowledge that He is in control and will see us through.

III. Simply stated, the more we endure for Jesus, the more we become like Him! And that is a good thing!

You can mark this down, "The road to maturity is paved with struggle!" Just as any growing saint of God.

1. Ask Abraham and he will point to Mt. Moriah.
2. Ask Jacob and he will point to a pillow of stone.
3. Ask Joseph and he will point to an Egyptian prison.
4. Ask Moses and he will point to the backside of the desert.
5. Ask the three Hebrew children and they will point to a fiery furnace.
6. Ask Daniel and he will point to a den of lions.
7. Ask Peter and he will point to a Roman fire and his three denials.
8. Ask John and he will point to Patmos.
9. Ask any believer who has traveled far with Jesus and he will tell you that "***God's blessings are poured from a bitter cup!***"