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*Can you Rejoice in Suffering?*

Romans 5:1-5

What is a Test? A test is an opportunity  
to Demonstrate what you have Learned

A. Suffering v3

* Troubles will Come (*Tribulum*); they are an opportunity to Grow in your faith
* We Rejoice in suffering because we look Forward to what God is able to do Through our suffering
* God is the Sculptor who is chipping away Everything in your life that does not look like Jesus

B. Perseverance v3

* Instead of trials Destroying our faith, they Build our faith
* Perseverance means the ability to Stand, to hold up under the Pressures of life; Imua for Jesus!

C. Character v4

* Character is built Uphill, not when life is Easy
* An approved faith is always Tested; the result is a Purified faith (δοκιμή)

D. Hope v4-5

* Our hope is no longer Uncertain and Unstable but Sure
* Jesus has already Defeated death; He is the Victor!

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