

## ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

## Reasons for suffering

- 1. Repentance (Lk 13:1-5)
- 2. Reliance (2 Cor 1:8-9)
- 3. Righteousness (Heb 12:6-11)
- 4. Reward (2 Cor 4:16-18)
- 5. Revelation (Ro 8:18-23)
- 6. Power (2 Cor 12:8-10)
- 7. Prayer (Ro 8:26-27) to learn how

Ro 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

1) Sovereign Will – (examples: Eph 1:11; Acts 4:28).

2) Moral Will - (example: Ex 20:1-17).

3) God's Permissive Will – (example: Acts 14:16).

Heb 5:8-9 "Although he was a son he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect [by that suffering], he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him..."

Heb 2:18 "Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Mark 7:32-35 "And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly."

John 11:33-38 "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb."

John 11:4 Jesus said the whole thing was: "It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Ps 22:1 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?"

James 1:5-7 "Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith, without doubting, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."

Ro 8:28-30 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."

Eph 1:11-12 "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory."

1 Cor 3:21-23 "For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

Ro 8:18 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

Rom 5:3-5 "we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."