**Glory in Tribulations? Romans Part 12**

Rom. 5:3

1. The Prevalence of Tribulations

Acts. 14:22 …we must through much Tribulation enter in to the Kingdom of God.

1 Thess. 3:3 that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.

John 16:33 In the world you will have tribulation.

James 1:2… count it all joy when you fall into various trials…

Ps. 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous…

1. The Particulars of Tribulations

2 Cor. 11:23 …prison…stripes…beaten with rods…stoned…shipwrecked…perils…perils…perils….

Gen. 3:16-19 …sorrow…pain…rule…cursed…toil…thistles…sweat

Matt. 10:34-36 I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

1 John 3:3 Do not marvel…if the world hates you.

Pet. 2:11 fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1. The Purpose of Tribulations

Rom. 5:3-4 …Tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character; hope…

Heb. 5:8 He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

2 Cor. 1:8-9 that we should not trust in ourselves but in God

2 Cor. 1:4 that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble,

1. Why don’t I rejoice in tribulations? Or, why am I not striving to learn to rejoice in tribulations?
2. Is it that I idolize comfort/peace?
3. Is it that I don’t really believe that tribulation comes from the hand of God?
4. Is it that I don’t really believe that God brings tribulation for my good?
5. Is it that temporal/earthly things are more important to me than eternal/heavenly things?
6. Do I not value conformity to the image of Christ for my self or others properly?