Suffer, Stablish, Strengthen, Settle

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- 1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.
- 1Pe 5:11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

I. After that ye have suffered a while

A. The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus

1. Saving grace

Act 15:11 But we believe that through the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved ...

2. Calling grace

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and **grace**...

3. Helping grace

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of **grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

4. All grace

2Co 9:8 And God *is* able to make all **grace** abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

B. Modern day ideas about suffering

- 1) We expect drugs to eliminate physical suffering
- 2) We expect drugs to eliminate emotional suffering
- 3) We live with Tylenol & die with morphine
- 4) If it does not feel good—It cannot be good
- 5) A God who would let me suffer—Is not a good God

C. Bible ideas about suffering

Php 1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

- Act 5:40 ... when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them* ... and let them go.
- Act 5:41 ... they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Rom 5:3 ... we glory in tribulations...

- 1Pe 4:13 ... rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings...
- 2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses ... for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Php 3:8 ... I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung... Php 3:10 That I may know him ... and the fellowship of his sufferings...

II. Peter's continuing call for us to have a willingness to suffer for Jesus' sake 1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered⁽¹⁾...

1Pe 1:6 ... if need be, ye are **in heaviness through manifold temptations**:⁽²⁾ **1Pe 1:7** ... your faith ... be **tried with fire**⁽³⁾...

1Pe 1:11 ... testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ⁽⁴⁾...

1Pe 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The **grass withereth**,⁽⁵⁾ and the **flower thereof falleth away**:⁽⁶⁾

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims⁽⁷⁾... 1Pe 2:12 ... that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers⁽⁸⁾...

1Pe 2:13 Submit yourselves ... to the king⁽⁹⁾...

1Pe 2:15 ... with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:⁽¹⁰⁾

- 1Pe 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters⁽¹¹⁾ ...but also to the froward.⁽¹²⁾
- 1Pe 2:19 ... endure grief,⁽¹³⁾ suffering wrongfully.⁽¹⁴⁾

1Pe 2:20 For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be **buffeted for your faults**,⁽¹⁵⁾ ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye **do well, and suffer** *for it*,⁽¹⁶⁾ ye **take it patiently**,⁽¹⁷⁾ ...

- 1Pe 2:21 ... Christ also suffered⁽¹⁸⁾ ... that ye should follow his steps:⁽¹⁹⁾
- 1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled,⁽²⁰⁾ reviled not again;⁽²¹⁾ when he suffered, ⁽²²⁾ he threatened not ⁽²³⁾...
- 1Pe 2:24 ... bare our sins in his own body ⁽²⁴⁾ ... by whose stripes ⁽²⁵⁾ ye were healed.
- 1Pe 3:1 ... wives, be in subjection ⁽²⁶⁾ to your own husbands ...
- 1Pe 3:5 ... in the old time the holy women ... in subjection unto their own husbands:⁽²⁷⁾
- 1Pe 3:9 Not rendering evil for evil,⁽²⁸⁾ or railing for railing:⁽²⁹⁾ but contrariwise blessing;⁽³⁰⁾
- 1Pe 3:10 ... refrain his tongue from evil,⁽³¹⁾, and his lips that they speak no guile:⁽³²⁾
- 1Pe 3:14 ... suffer for righteousness' sake,⁽³³⁾ ... be not afraid of their terror, (34) ...

- 1Pe 3:15 ... with meekness $^{(35)}$ and fear:
- 1Pe 3:16 ... whereas they speak evil of you,⁽³⁶⁾ ...
- 1Pe 3:17 For *it is* better ... that ye suffer for well doing,⁽³⁷⁾ than for evil doing.⁽³⁸⁾
- 1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered ⁽³⁹⁾ ... being put to death in the flesh,⁽⁴⁰⁾
- **1Pe 4:1** Forasmuch then as **Christ hath suffered for us** ⁽⁴¹⁾ ... arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for **he that hath suffered in the flesh** ⁽⁴²⁾ hath ceased from sin;
- 1Pe 4:4 ... speaking evil of *you* ⁽⁴³⁾ ...
- 1Pe 4:12 ... fiery trial ⁽⁴⁴⁾...
- 1Pe 4:13 ... partakers of Christ's sufferings (45) ...
- 1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ ⁽⁴⁶⁾...
- 1Pe 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer ⁽⁴⁷⁾...
- 1Pe 4:16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian⁽⁴⁸⁾...
- 1Pe 4:19 ... suffer according to the will of God ⁽⁴⁹⁾...
- 1Pe 5:1 ... the sufferings of Christ ⁽⁵⁰⁾...
- **1Pe 5:5** ... ye younger, **submit yourselves unto the elder** ⁽⁵¹⁾ ... be **subject one to another** ⁽⁵²⁾ ...
- 1Pe 5:8 ... a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour $^{(53)}$:
- 1Pe 5:9 ... the same afflictions ⁽⁵⁴⁾ are accomplished in your brethren ...
- 1Pe 5:10 ... after that ye have suffered a while ⁽⁵⁵⁾...

III. Make you perfect

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

- Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
- Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever.
- Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

- Jas 1:3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- Jas 1:4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- 2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
- 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
- Eph 4:11 And he gave ... pastors and teachers;
- Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints ...
- Php 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
- Php 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- Php 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

IV. Stablish

- Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- Col 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- 2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- 2Th 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.
- 2Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

V. Strengthen

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
- Luk 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

VI. Settle

- Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
- Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
- Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
- Col 1:22 ... to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:
- Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel ...

VII. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

- Rom 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.
- Eph 3:21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.
- Php 2:11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace ...
- Isa 6:3 ... Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.