

Colossians 1:24-29-NKJV

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

29 To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

1Peter 1:5-7-Passion

Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 *May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy*, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials.

7 But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.

Wuest - ...you have been *made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testings...*

GW - ... even though you *have to suffer different kinds of trouble for a little while now*.

Job 3:25-NKJV

For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me.

GW - ...*What I fear most overtakes me. What I dread happens to me.*

Job 1:8

Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.

Luke 8: 22-25-Passion

22 Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

23 But as they sailed, He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling *with water*, and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

25 But He said to them, "**Where is your faith?**" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

Verse 24 - I now rejoice in *my sufferings for you*, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church...

Passion - I can even *celebrate the sorrows I have experienced on your behalf*, for as *I join with you in your difficulties*, it helps you to discover what lacks in *your understanding* of the sufferings Jesus Christ experienced for his body, the church.

Philippians 1:27-30.

27 Whatever happens, keep living your lives based on the reality of the gospel of Christ, *which reveals him to others*. Then when I come to see you, or hear good reports of you, I'll know that *you stand united in one Spirit and one passion—celebrating together as conquerors in the faith of the gospel*.

28 **And then** you will never be shaken or intimidated by the opposition that rises up against us, for your courage will only prove as a sure sign from God of their coming destruction *and that you have found a new life*.

29 For God has graciously given you the privilege not only to believe in Christ, but also to suffer for him.

30 For you have been called by him to endure the conflict in the same way I have endured it—for you know I'm not giving up.

1 Peter 4:16-Passion

If you suffer for being a Christian, don't consider it a disgrace but a privilege. Glorify God because you carry the Anointed One's name.

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29 **To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.**

Passion - Col 1:27 Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people, and God wants everyone to know it!

Col 1:28,29 Christ is our message! We preach to awaken hearts and bring every person into the full understanding of truth. **It has become my inspiration and passion in ministry to labor with a tireless intensity, with his power flowing through me,** to present to every believer the revelation of being his perfect one in Jesus Christ.

Here are some promises to help you in your time of trouble.

Romans 8:17-18-NLT

17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, **together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory.** But if we are to share his glory, **we must also share his suffering.**

18 Yet **what we suffer now is nothing** compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

Psalms 34:19-NKJV

Many are the **afflictions** of the righteous, But the LORD **delivers him out of them all.**

Passion – 19 Even when bad things happen to the good and godly ones, the Lord will save them and **not let them be defeated by what they face.**

2 Timothy 4:5-LB

Stand steady, and don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Bring others to Christ. Leave nothing undone that you ought to do.



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