

➤ ***Biblical hope is the confidence expectation that something will happen.***

HOPE TEACHES US THE TRUTH ABOUT SUFFERING.

1. Hope teaches us, suffering is _____. 12

a. We suffer because of sin.

b. We suffer because we live in a sin cursed world.

c. We suffer for doing good.

**2. Hope teaches us, not to be _____
by suffering.** 12

[M]odern sensibilities ... consider suffering and hard times to be an abnormal state of life that should be avoided if at all possible. And if they can't be avoided, they should be dealt with expeditiously so that "normal" life can resume as quickly as possible. ~Karen Jobes

**3. Hope teaches us, not to be surprised by
suffering for doing _____.** 13-16

• 1 Peter 3:14-17, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

Christians are never to be troublemakers or agitators in society or in their places of work (cf. 1 Timothy 2:1-3; Titus 3:1-5). They may confront the sins in the lives of other believers, help administer church discipline, challenge unbelievers with the gospel, and exhort fellow saints to greater levels of godliness; but regarding ... matters that do not concern them, believers should never intrude inappropriately. More specifically, Peter was referring to political activism and civil agitation – disruptive or illegal activity that interferes with the smooth functioning of society and government. ~John MacArthur



I remember a conversation I once had with a Russian pastor who had suffered greatly under Soviet communism. I asked if he or his fellow Christians ever rebelled against that form of government. He replied that it was all their convictions that if they were ever resented and persecuted by the secular authorities, it would be for the gospel only. ~John MacArthur

**4. Hope teaches us, that suffering for Christ is a
reason to _____.** 13-17

a. We are identified with Christ.

b. It is a way to glorify God in all things. 1 Peter 4:11

➤ ***Suffering for the name of Christ is an opportunity to glorify God in all things.***

c. The Holy Spirit rests on us. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**5. Hope teaches us, that suffering _____
and _____ us.** 12-17

• Malachi 3:1-3

The fire of God's holiness is so intense that even the righteous feel pain in its discipline. ~Wayne Grudem

➤ ***Where is God trying to purify and refine me?***

**6. Hope teaches us, to _____ God in
suffering.** 19, Psalm 31

➤ ***Are you trusting God and continuing to live biblically or are you driven and controlled by fear?***

**What truth do you need to _____
from hope about suffering?**

