

The Inner Man- Trials part 8

- I.** The inner man is a figure of speech signifying where and how the Holy Spirit enables the spiritual Christian (2 Cor. 4:16; 7:4).
 1. The inner man is in the area of thought—mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
 2. The inner man is completely interior, verses the outer man which is all that which is exterior to the person (2 Cor. 4:16).
 3. Spiritual Christians will face trials (Phil. 1:29; 2 Tim. 3:12).
 4. Trials are designed to strengthen one's faith and reliance upon the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 12:10; 1 Tim. 4:8-10).
 5. Trials do not necessarily involve temptation (Tit. 2:12).
 6. Trials are not punishment/discipline (*cf.* Rom. 5:3).
 7. The individual believer has to discern whether adverse circumstances are trials or punishment (1 Cor. 11:28-29; 2 Cor. 12:10 *cf.* Eph. 4:30).
 8. Review of trials: tribulations, persecutions, and distresses.
 9. multiple may occur at the same time.
- II.** Sufferings as trials.
 1. The term when used of trials conveys the idea of mental, emotional torment.
 2. Suffering teaches obedience (Heb. 5:8; Phil. 2:5, 8).
 3. Paul suffered in the present tense in view of his future salvation (Rom. 8:18).
 4. Christ suffers for the Church (Acts 9:4; 22:7; 26:14).
 5. The spiritual Christian suffers for the Body—other Christians (1 Cor. 12:26; Rom. 12:15-16).
 - 1) The Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-13).
 - 2) Suffering for The Christ (Col. 1:24; 1 Pet. 4:13-14; 5:1).
 6. Suffering for the Christ brings experiential knowledge regarding the inherent power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10).
 - 1) The power of His resurrection (Rom. 6:4, 11).
 - 2) Conforming to His death—obedience (Phil. 2:8).