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Biblical Faith # 9

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4 MAJOR ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

- 1. FAITH - ITS ESSENCE**
- 2. FAITH - THE FAITH**
- 3. FAITH - PERSONAL**
- 4. FAITH - AS A PRINCIPLE**

QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS NON-BIBLICAL FAITH?
2. IS FAITH A GIFT?
3. IS FAITH A WORK?
4. ARE FAITH AND BELIEF THE SAME?
5. ARE THERE DEGREES OF FAITH?
6. DOES OUR FAITH GROW OR INCREASE?
7. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH & KNOWLEDGE?
8. DOES GOD TEST OUR FAITH?
9. DOES FAITH DETERMINE OUR WALK?
10. WHAT ENERGIZES OUR FAITH?

The answer is **yes**, **God tests our faith by trials.**
Why does God allow trials?

Faith and Testing

Trials

dakemadzo
test, prove
to approval

Temptation

pieradzo
test, tempt
to failure
a solicitation
to sin

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is
tempted,
I am **tempted** of **God**:
for **God** cannot be **tempted** with evil,
neither **tempteth** **He** any man:

God will never **tempt** to failure,
God never **solicits** to sin

God always **tests** us
with a view to **approval**

Faith and Testing
God wants us to walk in
total dependence on **Him**
What's the purpose of trials?

FROM ETERNITY PAST
GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

1. TO DECLARE **HIS** GLORY
2. TO REVEAL **HIS** GLORY
3. TO SHARE **HIS** GLORY
4. TO BE GLORIFIED



God's eternal purpose is
to share His glory
How does God share His glory
in trials?

Faith and Testing

The purpose of trials? **God's** eternal purpose is to share **His** glory, how does **He** do this in trials?

Romans 5:1 Therefore . . .

Rom 1-3a = Man without **faith in **Christ & His Work** declared unrighteous**

Rom 3b-4 = Man with **faith in **Christ & His Work** declared righteous**

Faith and Testing

The purpose of trials? **God's** eternal purpose is to share **His** glory, how does **He** do this in trials?

Romans 5:1 Therefore

being (having been) justified
(declared absolutely righteous in **Christ**)
by **faith**, . . .

How? By **His** grace and through our
response of **faith**

being (having been) = this is a fact,
it is our position in **Christ**
our position in **Christ** is everlasting,
& it will never change

Faith and Testing

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we have peace
(harmony, face to face) with **God**
through our **Lord Jesus Christ**

Peace “with” **God** = face-to-face
peace, positional peace of
right standing before **God**

Peace “of” **God** = peace in our
hearts, conditional peace in
our walk by **faith** in **God**

Faith and Testing

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2 by **Whom** also we have **access** by **faith** into this **grace** . . .

access into = **led** by one into a **position** because of the **merit** of the **one leading**

The **Lord Jesus Christ** has **led** us into **God's** grace

Faith and Testing

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wherein we **stand** (are entrenched)

led there by **Christ**
on the **merit** of **Who He** is
we **stand** = we are entrenched
for **eternity** in **God's** grace,
This is our position,
and it will never change

Faith and Testing

The purpose of trials?

God's eternal purpose is to share **His** glory,
how does **He** do this in trials?

Galatians 5:4 **Christ** is become of no
effect unto you, whosoever of you
are justified by the law

(attempt to be declared good by law keeping);
ye are fallen (condition not position)
from grace

Can we fall from our position of grace?

Answer, **No!**

We are entrenched in God's grace,
it's our position

but our walk or condition may not
be according to our position
we may be walking according to
some law system, not grace

Faith and Testing

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2 by **Whom** also we have access by **faith** into this **grace** wherein we stand (are entrenched) .

..

First **God** shares **His** glory with us by
“**positioning**” us in **Christ**
we are justified,
we have peace,
we have been led,
we have access into **God's** grace,
we are entrenched in **God's** grace

Faith and Testing

God's eternal purpose is to share **His** glory,
how?

First **God** shares **His** glory with us by
“positioning” us in **Christ**

Then **God** shares **His** glory with us by a
“conditioning” process of trials

Romans 5:1 Therefore, ... 2 by **Whom** also we have access
by **faith** into this grace wherein we stand (are entrenched),

and **rejoice** (are glorying)

in **hope** (absolute confidence) of
the **glory** (**Jesus Christ**) of **God**

The hope is **God's** – Heb 11:1

hope = **God's** absolute confidence
in **His** own glory, **Jesus Christ**

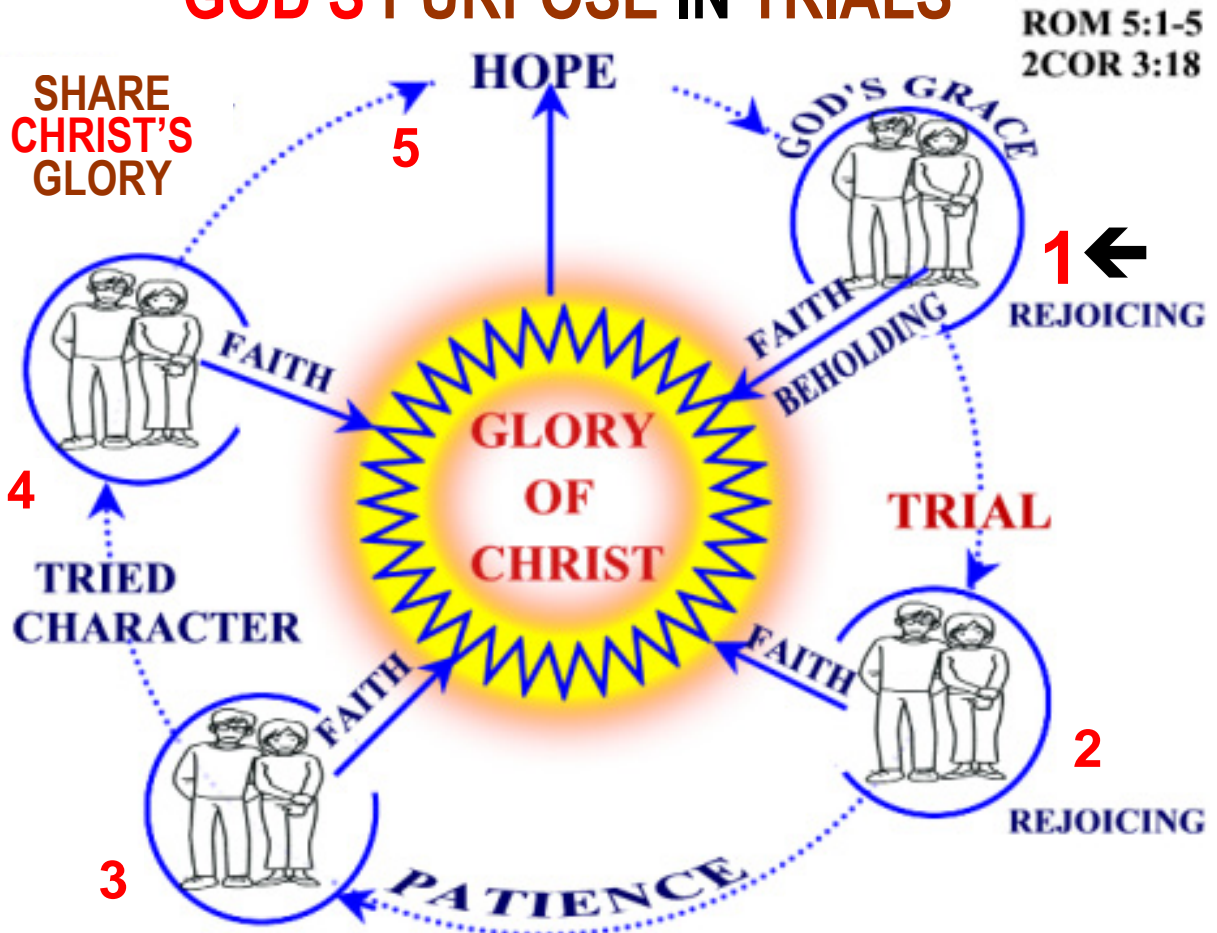
In **God's** grace (position) we walk
(condition) by **faith** beholding the
Person of our **Lord Jesus Christ**

Faith and Testing: God's shares His glory, how? God “positions” us in Christ God “conditions” us by a process

Romans 5:1 Therefore, ... 2 by **Whom** also we have access by **faith** into this **grace** wherein we stand (are entrenched), and **rejoice** (are glorying) in hope (absolute confidence) of the glory (**Jesus Christ**) of **God**.

1 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in **Him**, we're rejoicing in the hope (confidence) of **God**, our **Lord Jesus Christ**

GOD'S PURPOSE IN TRIALS



Faith and **Testing**: **God's** shares **His** glory, how?

God “positions” us in **Christ**

God “conditions” us by a process

Romans 5:1 **Therefore**,

...**3** **And** not only so but we

glory (rejoice) in **tribulations** also:

knowing (knowing facts) . . .

In **tribulations** there are **solicitations**

to **sin** from our **sin nature**

but we can now **reckon** that we are

dead unto our **sin nature** and **alive** unto **God**

Why should we **rejoice** in **tribulations**?

1 - God allows it

2 - We are **appointed** to **trials**

we **represent Him** & our heavenly home

1 Thess 3:3 we are **appointed** thereunto

3 - God's eternal purpose is to share

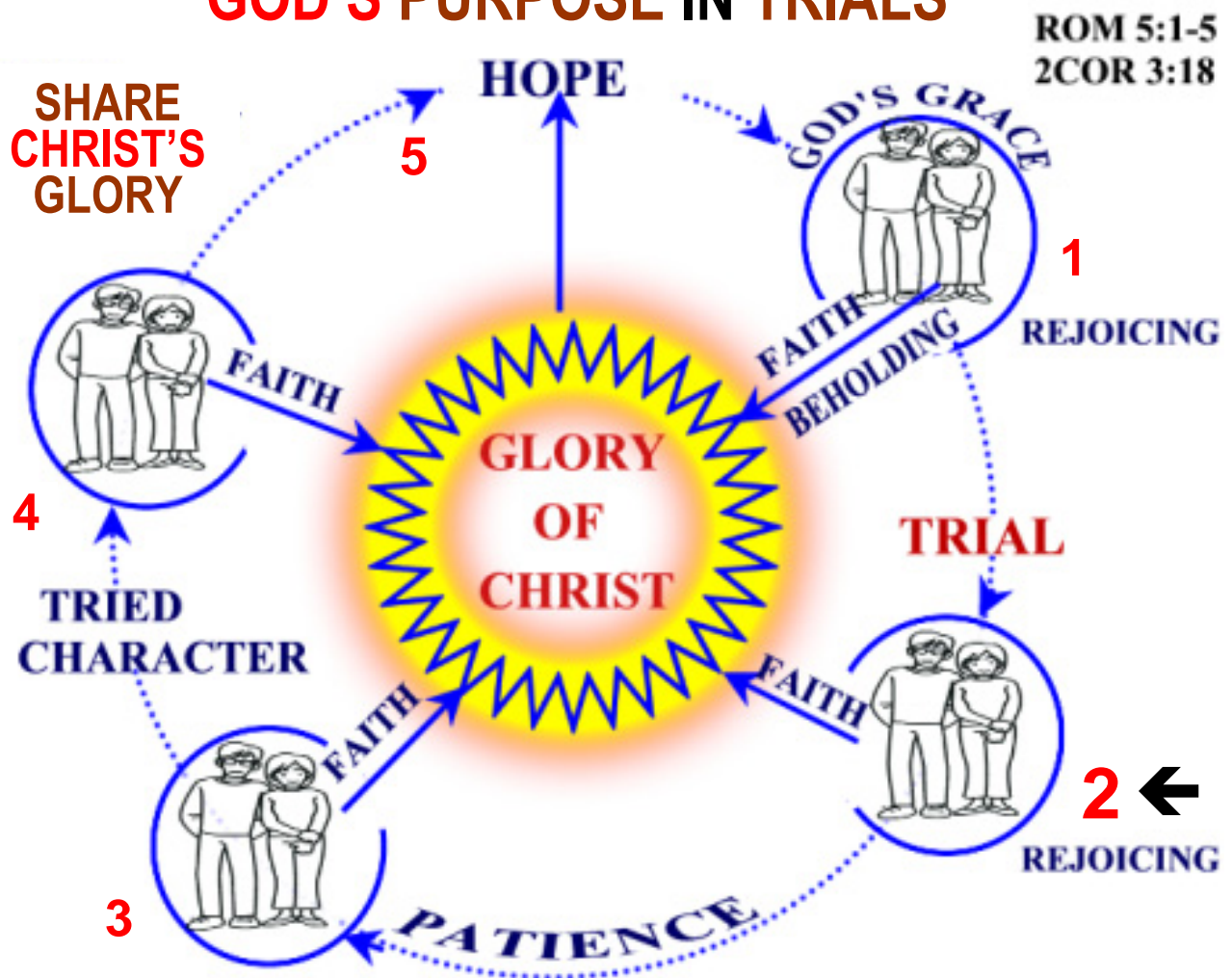
His glory through the **trial**

Faith and **Testing**: **God's** shares **His** glory, how?
God “positions” us in **Christ**
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knowing (knowing facts) . . .

2 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in
Him, we're rejoicing in tribulations also

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Romans 5:1 Therefore, ... 3 And not only so, but we
glory (rejoice) in tribulations also: knowing (facts) that

tribulation works
patience (at home under)

This is how God shares His glory,
our Lord Jesus Christ, through
trials

tribulation = pressure on the mind

works = to bring to a result,
means there is a reason for the trial
because there is a goal, a result

patience = to abide under,
to be at home under the trial

The patience is
our Lord Jesus Christ's

Faith and Testing: God's shares His glory, how? God “positions” us in Christ God “conditions” us by a process

Romans 5:1 Therefore, ... 3 And not only so, but we glory (rejoice) in tribulations also: knowing (facts) that

tribulation works patience (at home under)

3 In His grace, as we walk by faith in Him, we learn that Christ our life, is at home in trials, the result is His patience is revealed

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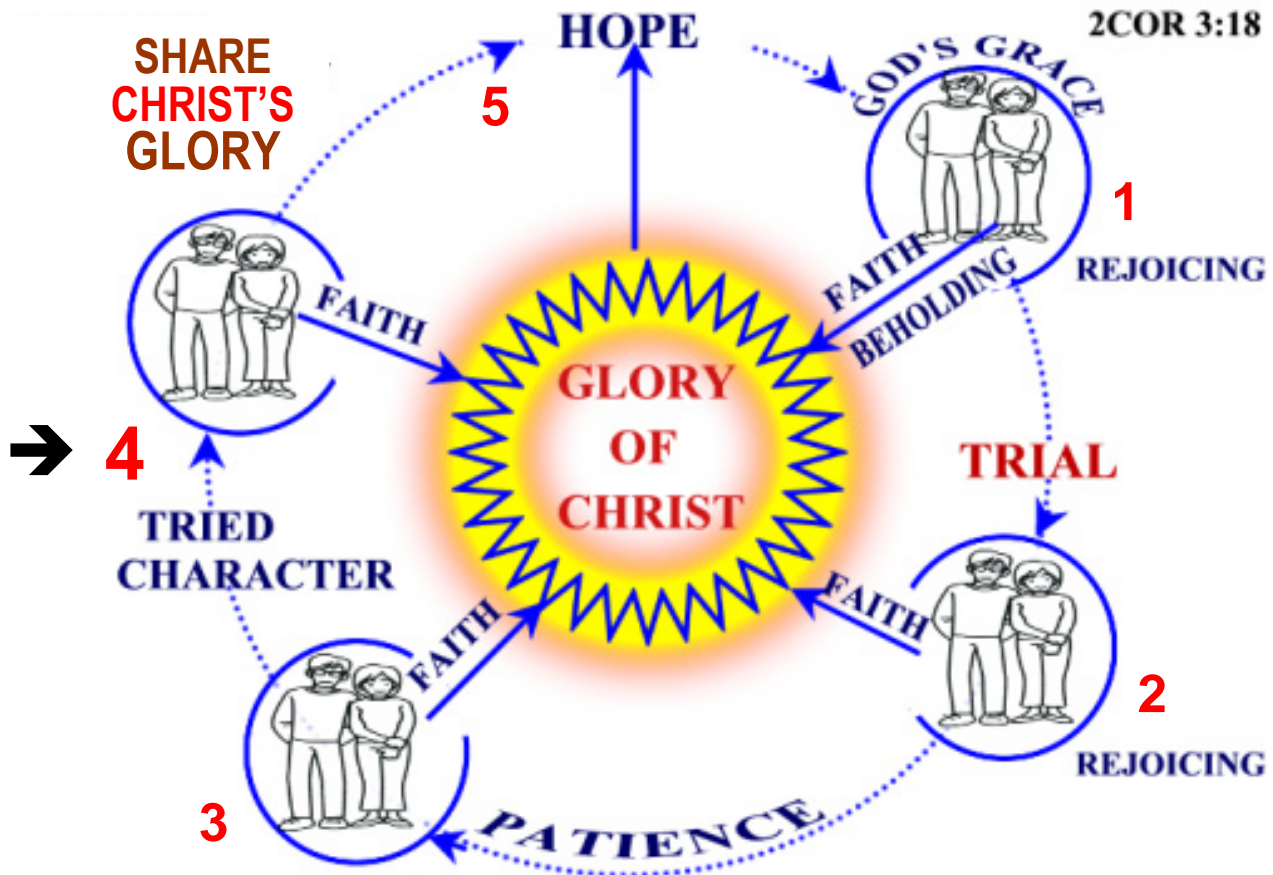
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patience, (works) **experience** (approved character);
experience = tried or proven character

4 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in **Him**, we learn that **Christ** our life, is proven pure by trials, the result is **His** approved character is revealed

GOD'S PURPOSE IN TRIALS

ROM 5:1-5
2COR 3:18



Faith and Testing: God's shares His glory, how? God "positions" us in Christ God "conditions" us by a process

Romans 5:1 Therefore, ...we glory (rejoice) in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience (at home under) 4 and patience, (works) experience (approved character); and

experience, (works) **hope** (absolute confidence):

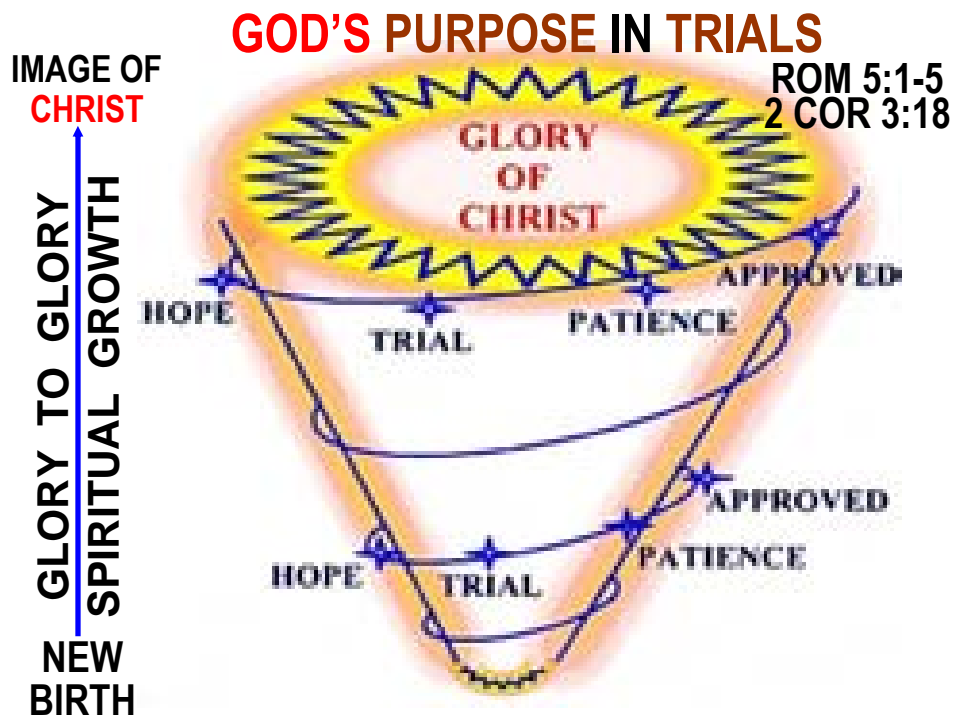
5 In His grace, as we walk by faith in Him, we learn that God's confidence is in Christ our life the result is His confidence in Christ is revealed

GOD'S PURPOSE IN TRIALS



Faith and Testing: **God's** shares **His** glory, how? **God** “positions” us in **Christ** **God** “conditions” us by a process

- 1 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in **Him**, we're rejoicing in the hope (confidence) of **God**, our **Lord Jesus Christ**
- 2 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in **Him**, we're rejoicing in tribulations also
- 3 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in **Him**, we learn that **Christ** our life, is at home in trials, the result is **His** patience is revealed
- 4 In **His** grace, as we walk by **faith** in **Him**, we learn that **Christ** our life, is proven pure by trials, the result is **His** approved character is revealed
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Faith and **Testing**: **God's** shares **His** glory, how?
God “positions” us in **Christ**
God “conditions” us by a process
God's purpose is accomplished
by this process, **He** is sharing the glory
of our **Lord Jesus Christ**

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with open face **beholding** as in a glass the **glory** of the **Lord**, are changed into the **same image** from **glory** to **glory**, even as by the **Spirit** of the **Lord**.

God uses this process to share
His glory with us
because **His** character is revealed and
approved through each trial
In **His** grace (position),
our walk of **faith** in **Him** (condition),
reveals **His** life in us

Faith and Testing: God's shares His glory, how?
God “positions” us in Christ
God “conditions” us by a process

**God’s test for approval is the option
to rejoice in trials**

**2 Corinthians 3:3 ... ye are manifestly
declared to be the epistle of Christ
ministered by us, written not with ink, but
with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables
of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

**God’s glory, our Lord Jesus
Christ’s proven character,
is seen by the world through us**

Faith and Testing: **God's** shares **His** glory, how?

God “positions” us in **Christ**

God “conditions” us by a process

Romans 5:5 and **hope** maketh **not** ashamed
(**no** disappointment); because the **love** of
God

is shed abroad (gushed forth) in our hearts
by the **Holy Spirit Who** is given unto us.

His absolute certainty
never disappoints us

because the **Holy Spirit** is revealing
His love in our hearts

Galatians 5:6 For in **Jesus Christ** neither
circumcision **availeth** any thing, nor
uncircumcision; but **faith** which **works** by
love

Our **faith** is energized by **His** love
which is **gushing** from our hearts
by the **Holy Spirit**

Faith and Testing

First **God** shares **His** glory with us by
“positioning” us in **Christ**

Then **God** shares **His** glory with us by a
“conditioning” process of trials

When the trial comes
you will always find:
Him waiting there

Him faithful
He will never leave you
nor forsake you

He loves you

He purposes to share the very glory
of the **Lord Jesus Christ** with you