

Suffering

As long as we believe that pain, sorrow, and suffering are evil and something to fear and fix; we are hindering the Christ in us to manifest. During these trials we come to see ourselves and life and God revealed in ways not known before. Judging, fixing, and controlling are of the carnal and religious mind, and are opposite or oppose the mind of Christ, even anti-christ. How does this transform us? We learn to yield to the hand of God... it takes courage and that courage comes from knowing you can trust Him... knowing He is at work in you. Yielded... easily directed and guided... meek. There are many things that hinder us from growing up into the life of Christ; fear, doubt, false beliefs, etc. We are mistaken to credit any misfortune on anything or anyone other than our-self or God, however, we have all done this before knowing the truth. Knowing the truth DOES SET YOU FREE from false beliefs, therefore, fear and doubt go away. "Christ in you, the hope of glory", does not mean your hope of "going to heaven"; it means that a FULLY formed Christ in you is glory's hope. This is why Jesus came... a song I used to sing in the Baptist choir; "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!" Oswald Chambers says, "We can either make ourselves of no account in the Kingdom of God, or we can determinedly demolish these things (that hinder) and let Jesus bring another son to glory."

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