



Thriving Through Tribulation

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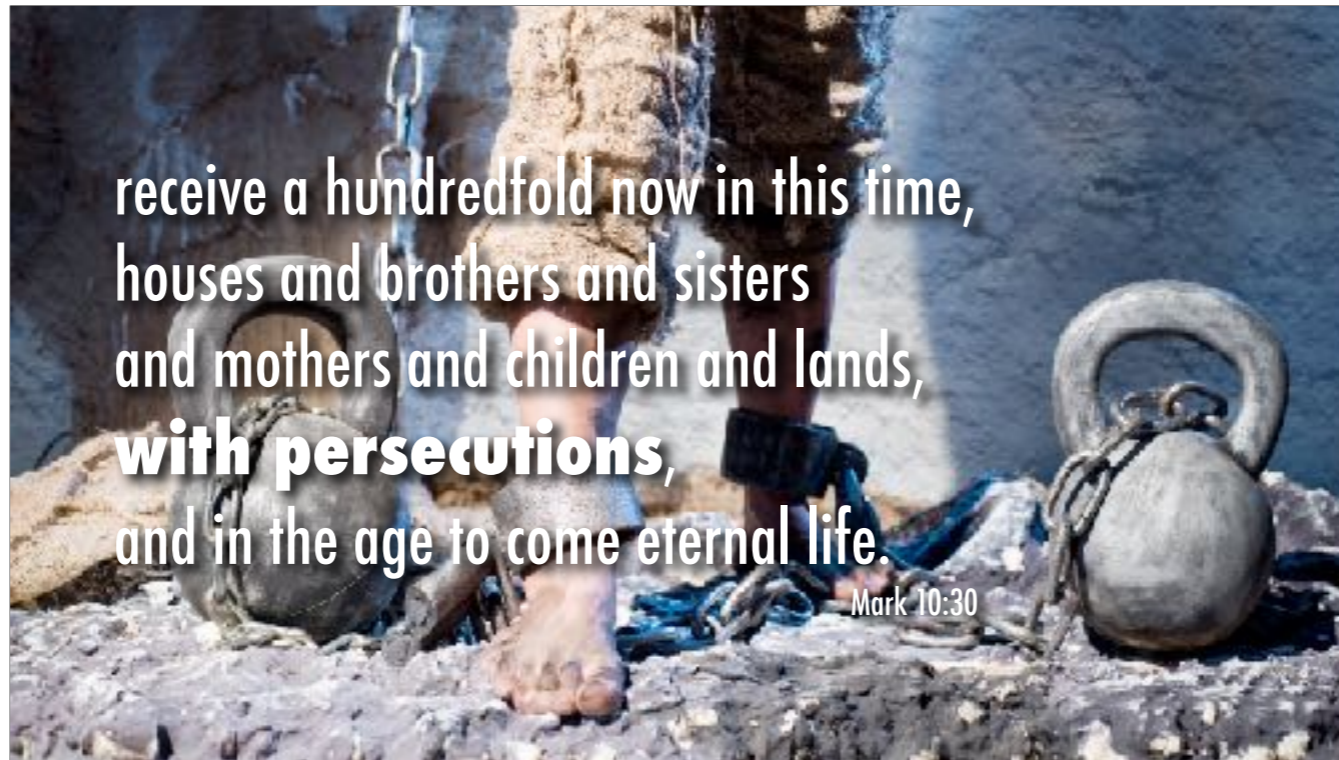
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- Scripture Reading: Psalm 69



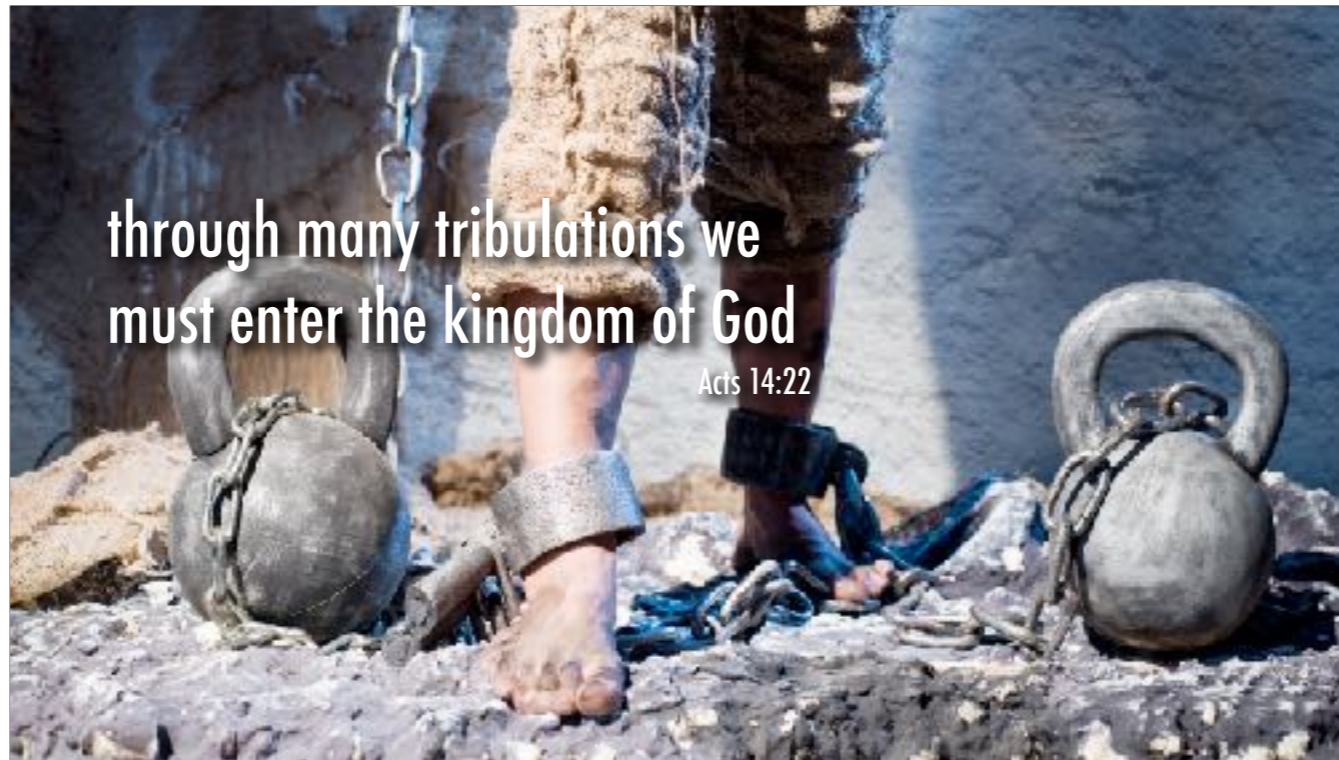
- Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



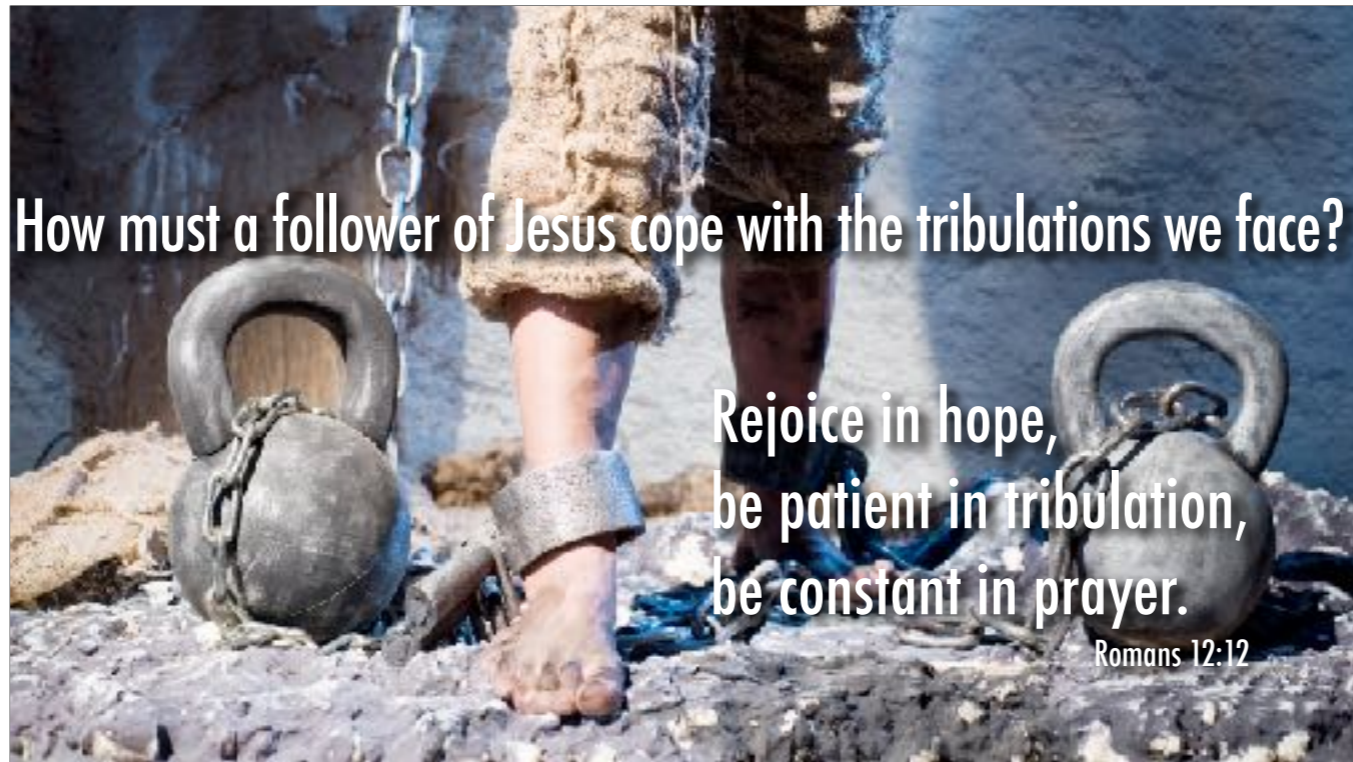
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- The blessings of following Jesus
- Mark 10:28-31 (ESV) 28 Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."



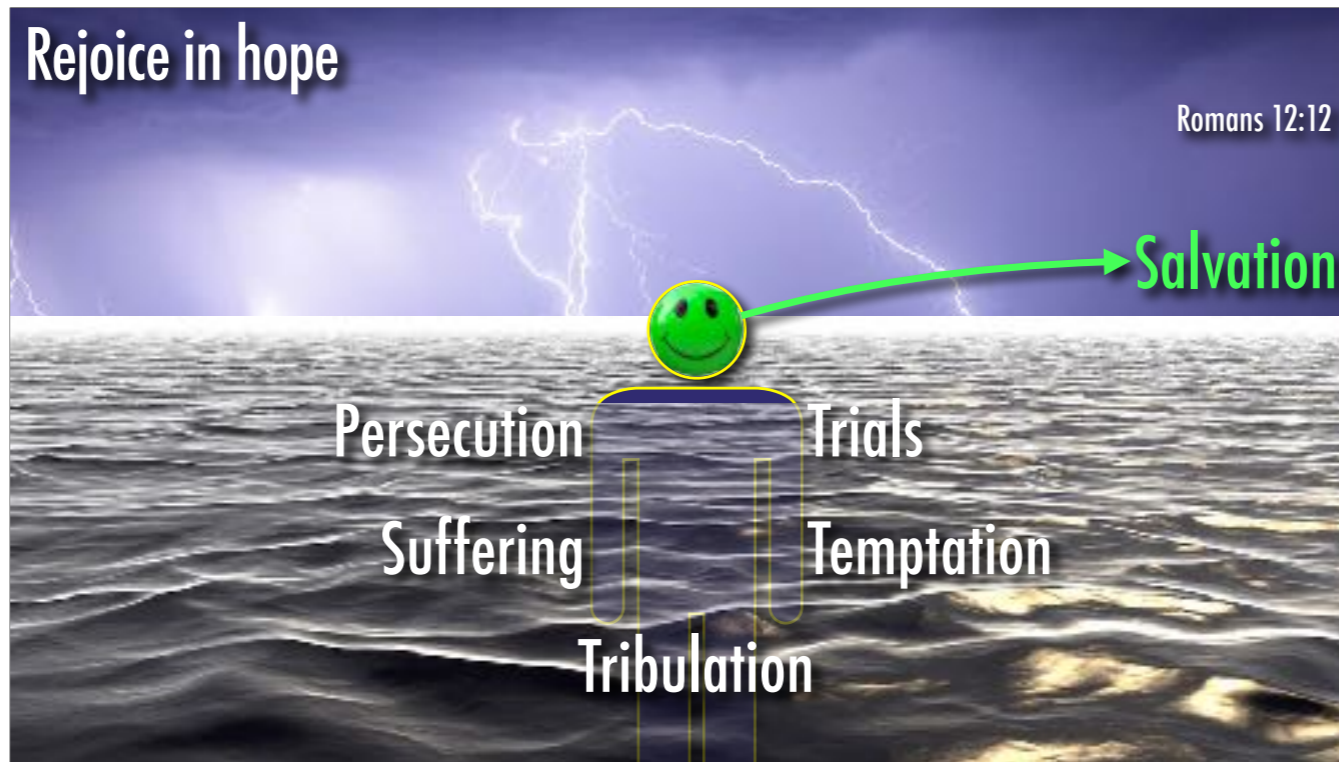
- Repeatedly warned that we will face persecution, sufferings, trials, tribulations.
- Acts 14:21-23 (ESV) 21 When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.



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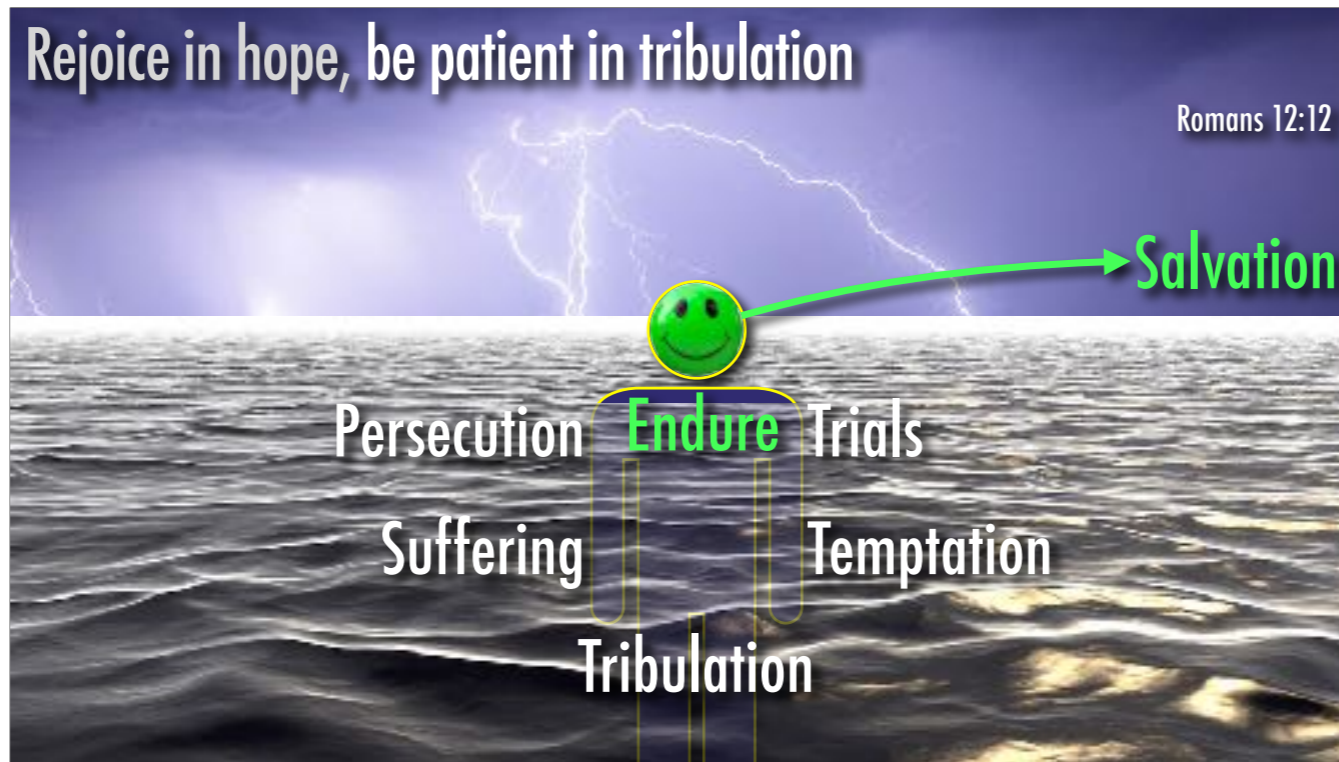
- How are we to cope with the tribulations that happen in life, especially because we choose to follow Jesus?
- How does the world cope with difficulties?
 - Anger, Rebellion, Violence
 - Depression, Give up
 - Avoidance: drugs, etc.
 - Death
- We're seeing this now in a variety of ways play out in our nation.



- Rejoice in Hope: 1 Peter 1:3-9
 - We have a living hope (3)
 - Trials help our Faith (5-7)
 - Faith in Jesus
 - Resurrected (3)
 - Not seen - love (8)
 - Not seen - believe (8)
 - Rejoice (8)
 - Out come of faith - salvation of soul (8)

- 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 - According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be **born again to a living hope**
 - through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
 - 4 to **an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,**
 - 5 who by God's power are being **guarded through faith for a salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.
 - 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
 - 7 so that the **tested genuineness of your faith—**
 - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—
 - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - 8 Though you have **not seen** him, **you love him.**

- Though you do **not now see** him, **you believe in him** and
- **rejoice with joy** that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
- 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, **the salvation of your souls.**

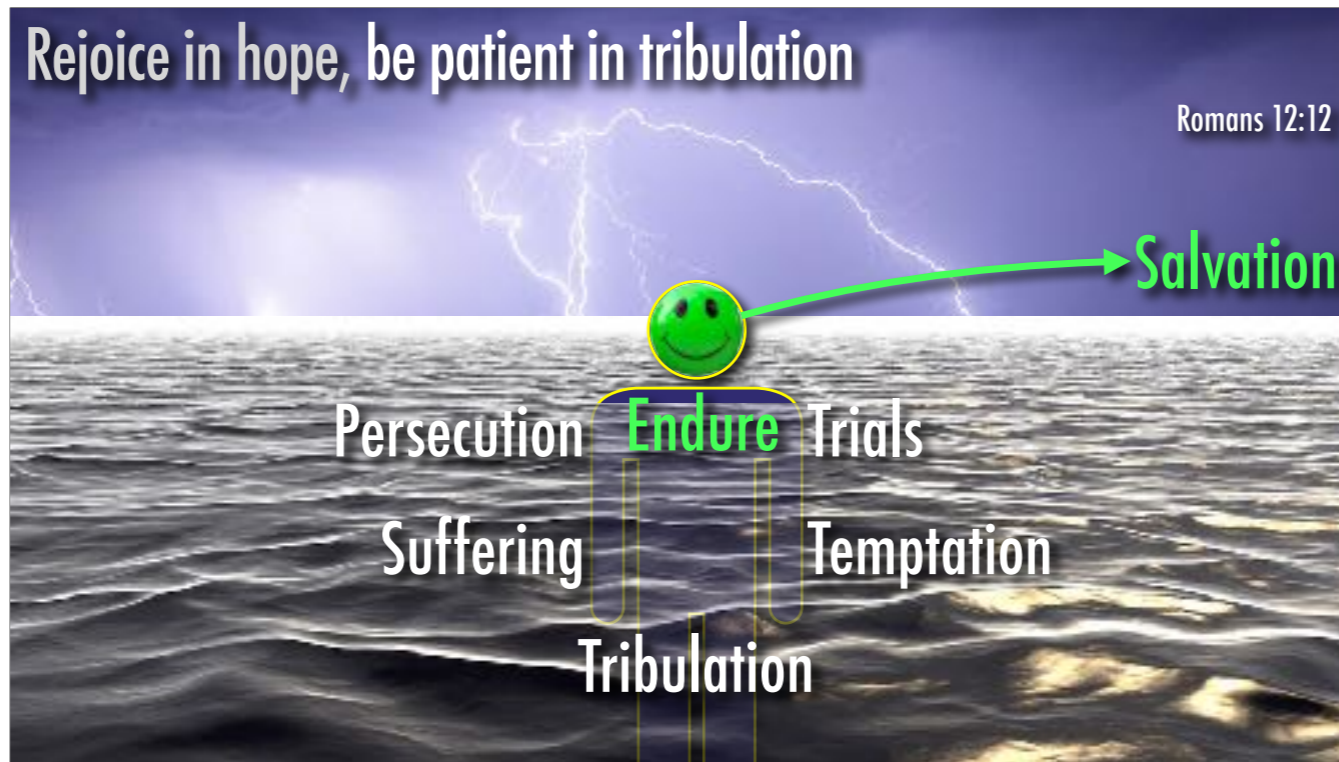


- Be patient in tribulation: 1 Peter 4:12-19

- Don't be surprised (12)

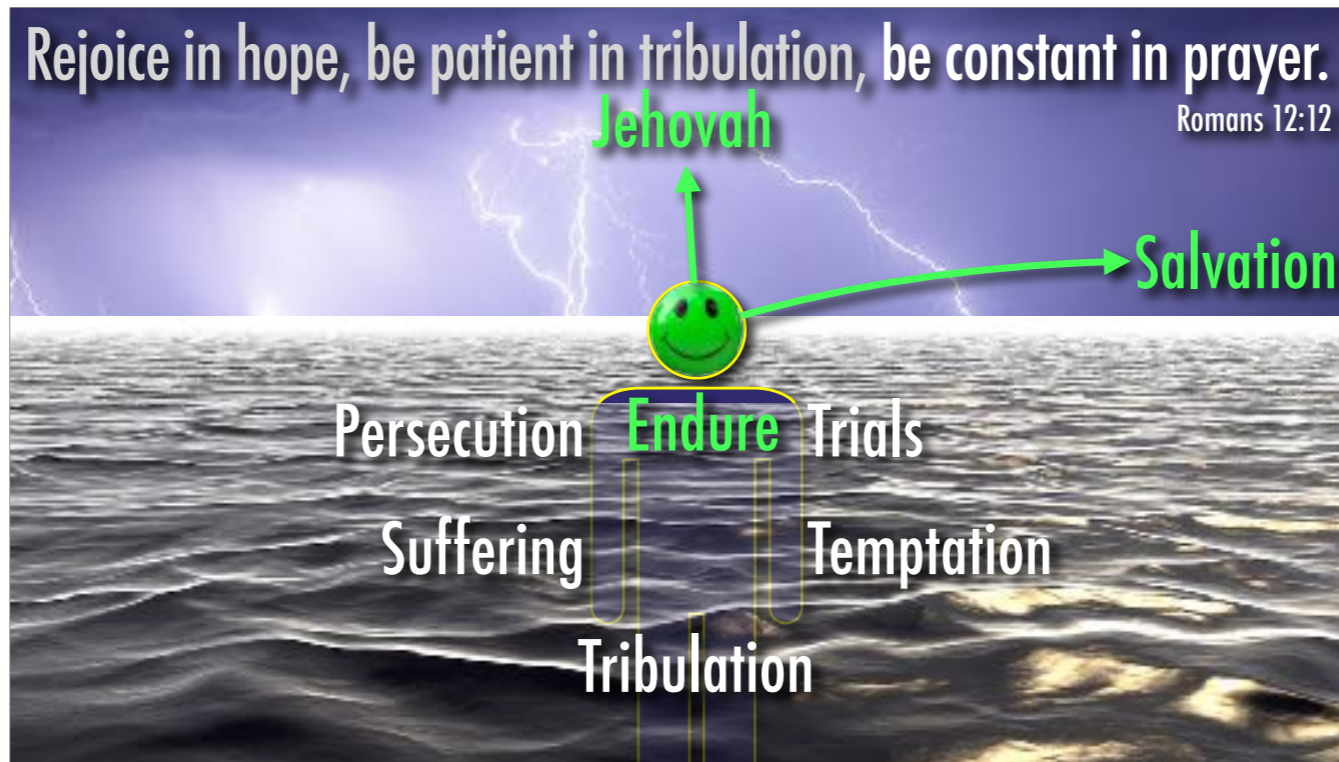
- Not strange!

- John 15:18-20 (ESV) 18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.



- Danger of deceiving ourselves that following Christ means health, wealth, no troubles.
 - Question God, why am I going through this? Doubt. Despair. Quit.
- Share in Christ's Sufferings (13)
- Entrust Your Soul to God (19)
- Doing Good (19)

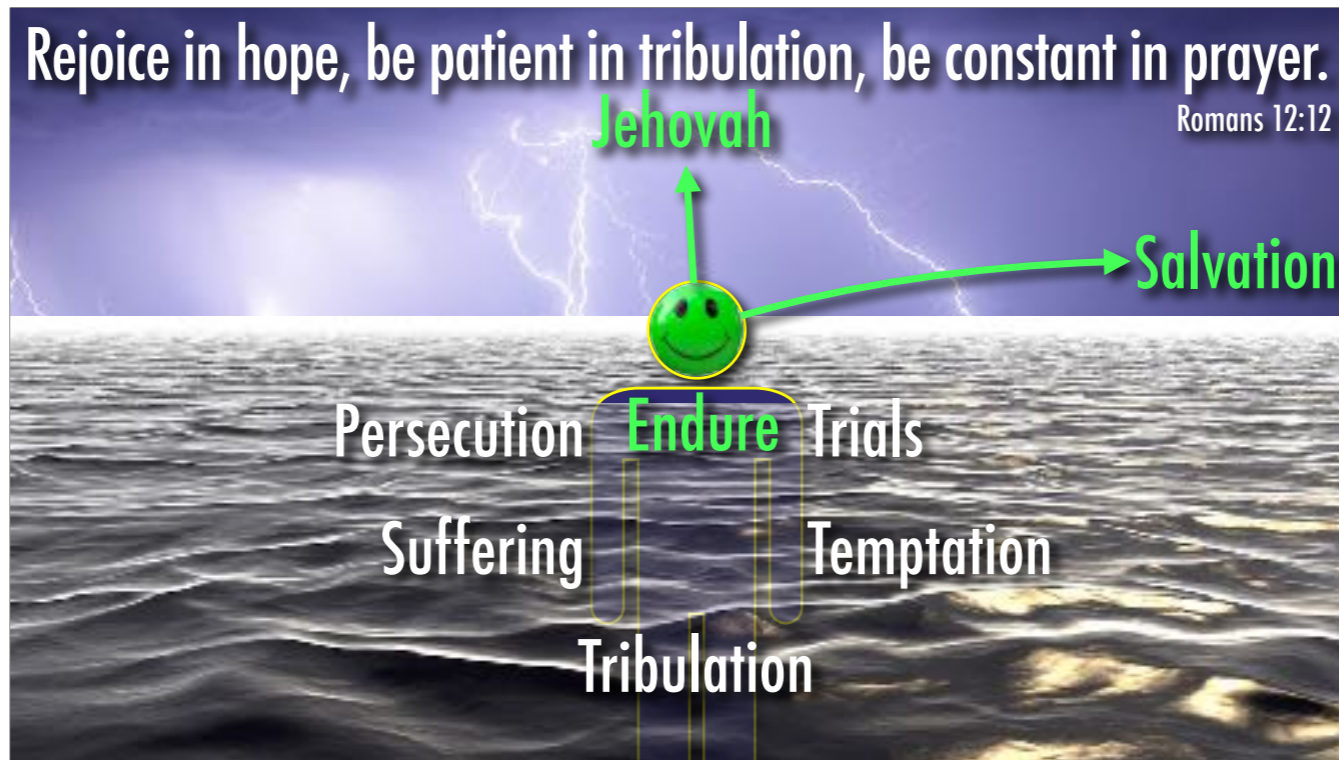
- 1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)
 - 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
 - 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.
 - 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.
 - 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.
 - 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.
 - 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"
 - 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.



- Be constant in Prayer: James 1:2-8
 - Joy (2)
 - Testing Faith - Steadfastness (full effect) - perfect and complete, lacking nothing (2-4)
 - Ask For Wisdom
 - Apply specifically! We need wisdom to endure the tribulations
 - Habakkuk
 - Pray to God
 - Count Joy
 - See purpose beyond the moment: God is making me better!
 - This must not be a one time prayer ... as tribulation continues, we must constant seek God's wisdom to rejoice and endure.

- James 1:2-8 (ESV)
 - 2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
 - 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
 - 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
- 5 If any of you lacks wisdom,
 - let him ask God,
 - who gives generously to all without reproach,
 - and it will be given him.
 - 6 But let him ask in faith,
 - with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

- 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
- 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



- How are you doing during this time of tribulation?
 - Wilting or Thriving?
 - Turmoil or peace?
 - Frustrated or calm?
 - Is your faith shaken? or growing?
 - Are you sad? or rejoicing?
 - Trapped in the moment? or looking forward to salvation?
 - How's your prayer life?
- While it's a difficult time... know that God can help you and use you
 - Faith and Trust in Him
 - Rejoice in Him
 - Do good.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: Tribulation will come, so Paul reminds us that because we are transformed we can thrive in spite of the difficulties. We must rejoice in hope, endure, and constantly pray. (Thanks Darrel)

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