

Suffering

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A suggestion how the content of this manual can be used:

The content of this manual are based on bible verses (obtained mainly from the King James bible and using the Strong's concordance to obtain the full meaning of the words used in the verses) which are the basis for the points or views that are discussed. For your convenience you will find the Strong's and other references used at the end of this manual. Use this manual as a guide for your own study of the WORD of GOD. Enjoy and let your mind be renewed by your Saviour. Love the Word of God. It is your source of life.



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Introduction

Being baptised with the baptism of John is a baptism of repentance through which we declare we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. The first step starts repentance because our carnal mind is not subject to the law of God as is written in:

Rom 8:7 (NKJVS) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be

Because we believe Jesus can then baptises us with the Holy Spirit and Fire.

We will now look how we can embrace repentance, through suffering, as a lifestyle that at the end we also can receive the life and peace that is set before us looking at:

- The laying down of the carnal mind of death for the spiritual mind of life and peace;
- Union with the Spirit of God through fellowship;
- Experiencing His guidance if we are zealous

Love God's word. It is our source of life.

1. Laying down the carnal mind of death for the spiritual mind of life and peace;

Receiving the Holy Spirit is to receive life and peace as is written in:

Rom 8:6 (NKJVS) For ("but" or "now.") to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is **life and peace**.

- to be carnally minded-- literally, "the mind" or "minding of the flesh"; that is, the pursuit of fleshly ends is death-- not only "ends in" but even now "is"; carrying death into its bosom, so that such are "dead while they live" (1Ti 5:6; Eph 2:1, 5).

But

- to be spiritually minded-- "the mind" or "minding of the spirit"; that is, the pursuit of spiritual objects is life and peace-- not "life" only, in contrast with the "death" that is in the other pursuit, but "peace"; it is the very element of the soul's deepest repose and true bliss.

To be spiritually minded is to appose/resist/bring to death the carnal mind by having:

2. Union (fellowship) with the Spirit of God through suffering;

To have union is to except the conditions laid down by the One I want to have union with as is written in:

- Rom 8:17 (NKJVS) and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we **suffer** with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

And

- Rev 3:18-22 (NKJVS) I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I **rebuke** and **chasten**. Therefore **be zealous** and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 " He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." "

From the above we can determine that our union with God comes through **suffering**. Suffering with God is to *have union with God's Spirit; with or together* that is,

- a. by association,
- b. companionship,
- c. process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality,
 - i. being *trained* up as a child, that is, *educate*, or (by implication) *discipline* (by punishment): - chasten (-ise), instruct, learn, teach.
 - ii. to *confute*, *admonish*: - convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove
- d. addition, etc.: - beside, with, including
- e. *completeness*.

Because we suffer with God we can now:

3. Experience His guidance if we are zealous

To have an experience IF we are zealous is to have:

- a) a sensation or impression (usually painful): - feel, passion, suffer, vex.
- b) *warmth* of feeling for or against: - affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect).

Summary

Walking with the Holy Spirit is becoming more like our Lord Jesus. We can only become like our Lord Jesus if we change our carnal mind to the mind of Christ through the process of repentance, exchanging our

- ❖ understanding and thoughts for His;
- ❖ hardened heart, for a heart of flesh; and our
- ❖ Carnal mind that care only for itself, for a spiritual mind that is zealous for what is righteous and just.

Let us also say:

Rom 8:18 (NKJVS) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Also read

sufferings^{G3804}

G4841

συμπάσχω

sumpaschō

soom-pas'-kho

From [G4862](#) and [G3958](#) (including its alternate); to *experience pain jointly* or of the *same kind* (specifically *persecution*; to “sympathize”): - suffer with.

G4862

σύν

sun

soon

A primary preposition denoting *union*; *with* or *together* (but much closer than [G3326](#) or [G3844](#)), that is, by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: - beside, with. In compounds it has similar applications, including *completeness*.

Total KJV occurrences: 125

G3958

πάσχω, πάθω, πένθω

paschō pathō penthō

pas'-kho, path'-o, pen'-tho

Apparently a primary verb (the third form used only in certain tenses for it); to *experience* a sensation or impression (usually painful): - feel, passion, suffer, vex.

Total KJV occurrences: 42

chasten:^{G3811}

G3811

παιδεύω

paideuō

pahee-dyoo'-o

From [G3816](#); to *train* up a child, that is, *educate*, or (by implication) *discipline* (by punishment): - chasten (-ise), instruct, learn, teach.

Total KJV occurrences: 13

rebuke^{G1651}

G1651

ἐλέγχω

elegchō

el-eng'-kho

Of uncertain affinity; to *confute*, *admonish*: - convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

Total KJV occurrences: 17

be zealousG2206

G2206

ζηλόω

zēloō

dzay-lo'-o

From [G2205](#); to *have warmth* of feeling for or against: - affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect).

Total KJV occurrences: 12

Xxx

