

**which is effectual in the Enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and Salvation.**

**1 Thess 3:3** (Do not be shaken by Afflictions, as they are Appointed unto us)

**3 That no man should be moved** (shaken or disturbed) **by these Afflictions:**  
**for yourselves know that we are Appointed** (ordained) **there unto.**

**2 Tim 1:8** (Be not ashamed of the Gospel, but be a partaker of its Afflictions)

**8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the Testimony of our Lord, nor of me**  
**His prisoner: but be thou partaker** (suffer the hardships) **of the Afflictions of**  
**the Gospel according to the Power** (Dunamis or Miraculous Power) **of God;**

**2 Tim 4:5** (Paul said to Endure Afflictions and to fully carry out your Ministry)

**5 But Watch** (be sober and keep a clear mind) **thou in All things, Endure**  
**Afflictions, do the Work of an Evangelist, make full proof of thy Ministry.**

**Heb 10:32** (Remember the great fight of Afflictions that you have Endured)

**32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were**  
**illuminated** (enlightened), **ye Endured a great fight of Afflictions;**

**James 5:10-11** (The Prophets are examples of patiently Enduring Afflictions)

**10 Take, my brethren, the Prophets, who have spoken in the name of the**  
**Lord, for an example of suffering Affliction, and of patience.**

**11 Behold, we count them happy** (Blessed) **which Endure....**

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**THE GOOD NEWS:** The Good News is: No matter how “Tough” things get as Christians; if we Trust and Believe that we are more than Conquerors, and that we already have the Victory through Christ Jesus our Lord; then we know that we CAN and WILL survive this “Tough Christianity”!

**Rom 8:35** (The question is: Who can separate us from the Love of Christ?)

**35 Who** (what) **shall separate us from the Love of Christ? shall Tribulation,**  
**or Distress, or Persecution, or Famine, or Nakedness, or Peril, or Sword?**

**Rom 8:37** (The answer is: No one! Nobody! Nothing! can separate us!)

**37 Nay** (No), **in ALL these things we are more than conquerors** (we will gain a decisive Victory) **through Him** (Christ) **that loved us** (that Loves us much).

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**FINALLY:** If you do not Know Jesus, or if you are a Backslidden Christian, it is time to quit procrastinating and become a part of God’s “Tough Christianity”. Start by staying sober, no booze or drugs, keep a clear mind and resist the devil! Know that God will completely restore you, after you have Suffered for a while!

**1 Peter 5:8-11** (1 Pet 1:13)

**8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion,**  
**walketh about, seeking whom he may** (if you let him) **devour** (gulp entirely);

**9 Whom resist stedfast in the Faith, knowing that the same Afflictions are**  
**accomplished** (happening) **in your** (Christian) **Brethren that are in the world.**

**10 But the God of all Grace, who hath Called us unto His Eternal Glory by**  
**Christ Jesus, after that ye have Suffered a while make you perfect** (complete and repaired and restored), **establish, strengthen, and settle** (and ground) **you.**

**11 To Him be Glory and Dominion** (Supreme Authority) **Forever and Ever.**

AMEN

TIMOTHY II

# **TOUGH**



# **CHRISTIANITY**

**“TOUGH CHRISTIANITY” IS WRITTEN FOR THOSE WHO THINK THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS EASY, OR THAT IT IS JUST FOR WIMPS!**

Some Christians believe that because God Loves us, everything in our life will be easy. However, the Bible teaches that it is because God Loves us, that He allows us to be rebuked and chastened by what we call “Tough Christianity”!

**Rev 3:19** As many as I love I rebuke (reprimand) and chasten (discipline):

Thru “Tough Christianity” God also teaches us to become Obedient Children!

**1 Peter 1:14** As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

An example of this is that although God Loves His Son Jesus, He allowed Him to Suffer in His Human Form, in order to teach Him Humility & Obedience!

**Phil 2:8** And being found in fashion as a man (a human), He Humbled Himself, and became Obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

**Heb 5:8** Though He were a Son, yet learned He Obedience by the things which He Suffered;

**THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES EXPLAIN WHAT “TOUGH CHRISTIANITY” CONSISTS OF AND HOW WE CAN ENDURE IT!**

**SUFFERING:** Is the state or experience of one that Suffers pain or distress!

**2 Cor 1:5 1:7** (As Christ’s Sufferings abound in us, so also does His Comfort)

**5** For as the Sufferings of Christ abound (are abundant) in us, so our consolation (Comfort) also aboundeth (is abundant) by Christ.

**7** And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the Sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation (Comfort).

**Phil 3:10** (By Faith we know Christ and the fellowship of His Sufferings)

**10** That I may know Him, and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His Sufferings, being made conformable unto His death;

**1 Peter 4:13** (But Rejoice, as we too are partakers of Christ’s Sufferings)

**13** But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s Sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding Joy.

**Col 1:24** (Paul Rejoiced in his Sufferings for the Body of Christ - the Church)

**24** Who now rejoice (am calmly happy) in my Sufferings for you, and fill up (for I am completing) that which is behind (or falls short) of the

Afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body’s sake, which IS the Church:

**Rom 8:18** (Our Sufferings are not comparable to the Glory we shall soon see)

**18** For I reckon that the Sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us.

**TRIBULATION:** The meaning of Tribulation is Distress and/or Suffering, resulting from Oppression or Persecution; also a Trying Experience!

**John 16:33** (Jesus said that we Will have Tribulation in the World)

**33** ...In the world ye shall have Tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome (conquered, subdued, and gotten the Victory over) the world.

**Acts 14:22** (We must through Much Tribulation enter the Kingdom of God)

**22** Confirming (strengthening) the souls of the disciples, and exhorting

(Comforting) them to continue in the Faith, and that we Must through Much (great, oft-times and/or plenty of) Tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God.

**Rom 5:3** (Paul said that we can Glory in Tribulations as it works our Patience)

**3** ...but we glory in Tribulations also: knowing that Tribulation worketh Patience (patient waiting, or cheerful and hopeful Endurance);

**Rom 12:12** (We need to be Patient in Tribulation and to persevere in Prayer)

**12** Rejoicing in Hope; Patient in Tribulation; continuing instant in Prayer;

**2 Cor 1:4** (God Comforts us in All our Tribulation, so we can Comfort others)

**4** Who comforteth us in all our Tribulation, that we may be able to Comfort them which are in any trouble (Afflictions, Persecutions or Tribulation),...

**2 Cor 7:4** (Paul said he was filled with Comfort and Joy in All his Tribulation)

**4** ...I am filled with Comfort, I am exceeding Joyful in All our Tribulation.

**1 Thess 3:4** (Paul and Timothy stated that they expected to suffer Tribulation)

**4** For verily (Therefore), when we were with you, we told you before that we should (expect to) Suffer Tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

**2 Thess 1:4-5** (Having Patience and Faith in Persecutions and Tribulations that you Endure, indicate that you will be counted Worthy of the Kingdom of God)

**4** ...we ourselves glory in you in the Churches of God for your Patience and Faith in All your Persecutions and Tribulations that ye Endure:

**5** Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted Worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which ye also Suffer:

**PERSECUTION:** Is the act or practice of Persecuting, especially to those who differ in origin, religion, or social outlook; also the condition of being harassed!

**2 Cor 12:10** (Paul took Pleasure in Persecutions for Christ’s sake)

**10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities (feebleness, disease, sickness or weakness), in reproaches (insults), in necessities (needs), in Persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am Weak, then am I Strong.

**2 Tim 3:11-12** (Paul said the Lord delivered him out of All his Persecutions)

**11** Persecutions, Afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what Persecutions I Endured: but out of them All, the Lord delivered (rescued) me.

**12** Yea, and All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus Shall Suffer Persecution.

**AFFLICTION:** Is persistent pain, great suffering; also distress and hardship!

**Acts 20:22-23** (Here Paul stated that Afflictions awaited him in Jerusalem)

**22** And now, behold, I go bound (drawn) in the Spirit (Holy Spirit) unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall (occur to) me there:

**23** Save (except) that the Holy Ghost (Spirit) witnesseth in every city, saying that Bonds (shackles and chains) and Afflictions abide (await) me.

**2 Cor 6:3-4** (Even in Afflictions, let us exhibit ourselves as Ministers of God)

**3** Giving no offence in anything, that the Ministry be not blamed:

**4** But in all things approving ourselves as the Ministers of God, in much patience (hopeful Endurance), in Afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

**2 Cor 1:6** (Affliction brings Comfort and Safety which helps us to Endure it)

**6** And whether we be Afflicted, it is for your consolation and Salvation,