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### Isaiah 53:3 (KJV)

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

### 1 Timothy 1:16 (KJV)

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

#### Acts 9:15-16 KJV

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

# WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM PAUL'S SUFFERING?

### IT BEGINS WITH REVELATIONS

#### 2 Corinthians 12:7 KJV

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

#### **Galatians 1:15-17 KJV**

- 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,
  16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
- 17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

## REVELATION KNOWLEDGE SEPARATES 2 TYPES OF CHRISTIANS

# FIRST TYPE SAYS I GIVE MY HEART TO JESUS.....

### I GIVE MY HEART BUT I WANT MORE

#### **Ephesians 3:5 KJV**

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

# PAULINE PATTERN INCLUDES Thorn in the flesh

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### 2 TYPES OF SUFFERING

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### **ONES COMMON TO ALL MANKIND**

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### THE ONES AFFECTING ONLY THE RIGHTEOUS

#### **PSALM 34:19 KJV**

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

- 2 Corinthians 12:8 KJV
- 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

# PAUL'S PATTERN CONCLUDES WITH GOD'S ANSWER

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

# GRACE IS AN ACRONYM FOR 5 ATTRIBUTES

- G GENEROSITY
- R RESPECT
- A ACTION
- **C** COMPASSION
- **E ENERGY**

# THOMAS EQUINAS GIVES US 5 EFFECTS OF GRACE

## **GRACE HEALS THE SOUL**

# GRACE GIVES THE DESIRE TO BE GOOD

## **GRACE WORKS THROUGH US**

# GRACE GIVES US STAYING POWER

# GRACE ENABLES US TO BREAK THROUGH TO GLORY

