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“The Teacher Is Here”

John 11:24-27

The Lord Jesus is constantly suffering undeservedly for blessing and we too can suffer for blessing when someone judges us or gossips about us and there is nothing greater than this type of suffering because it actually determines our greatness in life.

Dying is considered by most people to be the ultimate in suffering but once we understand that the plan of God teaches us how to die magnificently, we can learn how to live magnificently.

If dying can't get to us, living can't get to us, either.

Suffering for blessing is designed to teach us from the plan of God, how to live and how to die which is an unbeatable combination.

There are certain things we must do alone like suffering, experiencing pain, thinking our own thoughts, making our own choices, establishing our own priorities and eventually doing our own dying.

For the Christian, all suffering undeserved or deserved is ultimately designed for blessing; even divine discipline for carnality is designed to bring rebellious believers back to a point of experiential blessing.

We can suffer by associating with the wrong people and by having the wrong priorities.

We can suffer to glorify God in the angelic dispute like Job and we can suffer to learn self-discipline to demonstrate the sufficiency of God's grace like Paul

Martha is going to be comforted by that which is permanent namely, the doctrine of the resurrection body and not by that which is temporary, the resuscitation of her brother.

Temporary human viewpoint solutions are actually no real solutions at all.

Comfort comes only from that which is permanent and stable; i.e. immutable biblical truth, the same yesterday, today and forever!

No one receives eternal life without the guarantee of a resurrection body.

It's by grace alone through faith alone
in Jesus Christ alone, period.

And faith is not something we do or manufacture from our own faculties, faith is trust in what the Lord Jesus Christ has done and will do for us.

If you are a believer, you have eternal life when you're living in Phase II, dying in Phase II and when you go to be with the Lord in Phase III.

Comfort is based on truth, not on miracles.

The fact that God has provided a resurrection body for the eternal state means that He also has given us a system of grace provision for time.

A Fortiori is a logical system of debate which takes an accepted fact and by comparison produces an inescapable confident conclusion.

All unbelievers depend on their own self-righteousness to somehow get them into Heaven but it won't work and so, if believers are justified by the blood of Christ, it follows, *A Fortiori*, with stronger reason, that they will be delivered from the Last Judgment!

With the *A Fortiori* principle, we consider one conclusion and see it work during testing and we make another conclusion under another series of tests and then in time of great disaster, we put together these proven conclusions.

So this concept relates certainty to certainty, dogmatic truth to dogmatic truth to give us confidence in the plan of God and to cause us to conclude that the only security in life is what we carry with us everywhere we go in our thought life.

In life, every time we apply the mind of Christ in our souls to a situation we're facing, there is a decoration awaiting us in Heaven!

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We cannot glorify God in time by what we do; God is only glorified by what He does!