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A LOVELY TRIAL

I want to commit some scripture to my heart and mind and remember/read them often. When the Lord sends us a chastening trial, it is done in love and for a purpose! [Pro 13v24, Heb 12v6, Rom 8v28]. It is for our eternal good and His Glory!

He is not an austere man! [Luke 19v11-27] The Lord does not bop us on the head for no reason. He does not "*provoke his children to wrath*". He is bringing us up in the nurture and admonition of Himself! He is teaching us something! [Eph 6v4]

I ask the Lord when trials come, "Lord, what are you teaching me in this?" ... I will give you the answer. He is teaching us the Gospel in the trial. Teaching us about His Mercy and Grace. He is exalting Christ in our hearts. He is increasing our Redeemer and decreasing our old nature. [John 3v30]

Romans 5v2-6 is a comfort to me when the seas are raging in my body or mind. Underscore verse 5 – "*because the love of God*" The tribulation came from love, is in love, and ends in love.

- KBT

GOD'S WORKS AND THOUGHTS

"Many, O Lord, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done and Thy thoughts which are to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered" (Ps. 40:5).

No matter what our feelings or our circumstances, there is always something in the scriptures to meet our need or express what we feel. David, in this verse, expresses my feelings. All any of us have to do to see the wondrous works of God toward us is to just look around us. Has He not preserved us, kept us from falling, and met all of our needs both temporally and spiritually? Look at His wonderful works toward us as a church! He has indeed done a wondrous work for us as a body of believers. Just consider where we were just a few short years ago. When I do, my heart melts in gratitude and is filled with joy.

Let us offer thanks to Him for every trial and every tear, for every mountain and every valley, for every bit of rejoicing and every bit of sorrow, for every bit of ease and every bit of struggle, for every step, every breath and every moment that has brought us to this place and time!

O Lord, our God and Savior, give us of your grace that we may honor and magnify the truth of your grace given us in your Son. O Lord, renew our zeal, renew our determination to be true to the One True and Living God and Jesus Christ whom you sent to be the sacrifice and substitute for sinners like us.

Lord, enable us to guard our fellowship as brethren, that we would always enjoy peace and harmony and unity of purpose and heart as a church family. Lord also let us always love one another and be kind and gracious one to another, as we remember the Great Love wherewith you Loved us and Gave Yourself for us.

- Donnie Bell (Crossville, TN)

NOTES

San Diego Grace Fellowship

*“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”
1Cor 1v23-24*

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Service Times

Sunday - 9:45 AM

- 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 6:30 PM

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