

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

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1. Paul reminds believers that we can rejoice even in our sufferings because suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character, and character, hope (Romans 5:3-4). Character is defined as having distinctive qualities that set a person apart. What distinctive qualities should you expect to find in those who by God's grace endure suffering and trust in the hope Jesus provides?
2. What argument does Paul give to counter those who reason, why not keep on sinning since Jesus has earned forgiveness for all our sins (Romans 6:1-14)?
3. Review Romans 7:7-25. Explain the relationship between God's Law and human sin? How has Christ rescued us (Romans 7:25)?
4. According to Romans 8:5-17, what difference exists between those who belong to God by faith through Christ Jesus and those who do not?
5. Fire stations, libraries, and other public buildings in many major cities display signs that invite frightened children inside. In many cities, these signs say "Safe Place" and they picture hands surrounds a human figure as if in protection. Chapter 8 reminds us of this; the whole chapter boils down to this: *God in Christ is our safe place*. To what evidence in this chapter can you point to show that God in Christ is *your* safe place?
6. Romans 10:14-15 clearly lays out or the reader the essential steps for evangelizing the world. In what ways do you assist in steps?
7. Romans 12:9-21 gives specific examples of how God's love evidences itself in the lives of those in whom God's Spirit dwells. Which of these manifestations of the Spirit's working would you like to see to a greater degree in your life right now?

