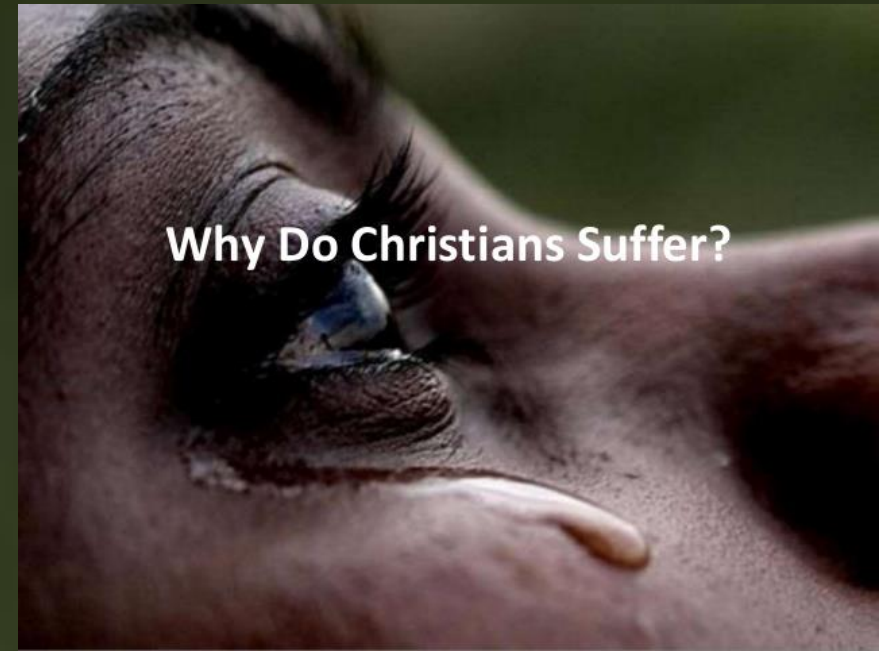


Why Christians Suffer

James 1:2-8

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

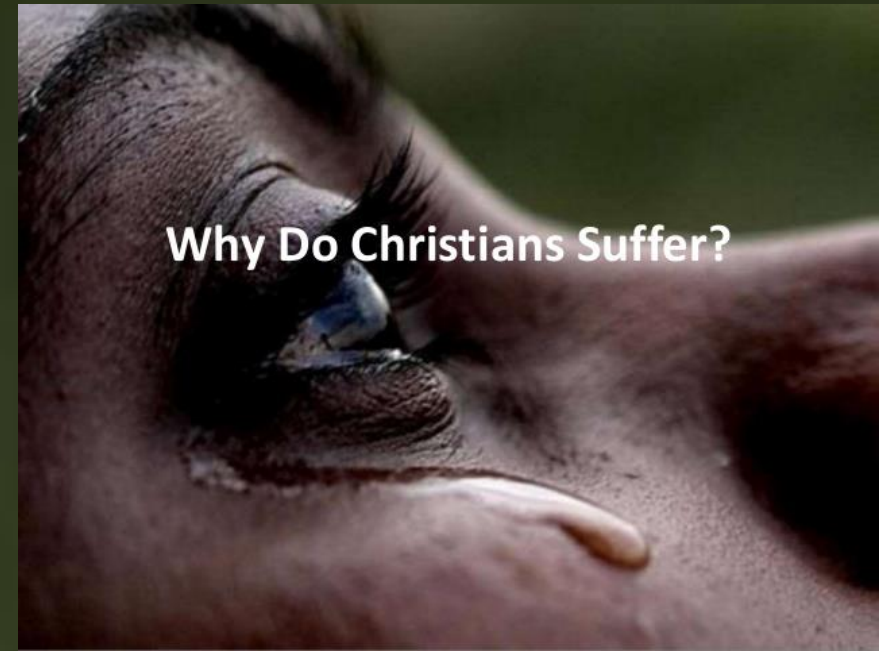
Romans 5: 2-5



Why Do Christians Suffer?

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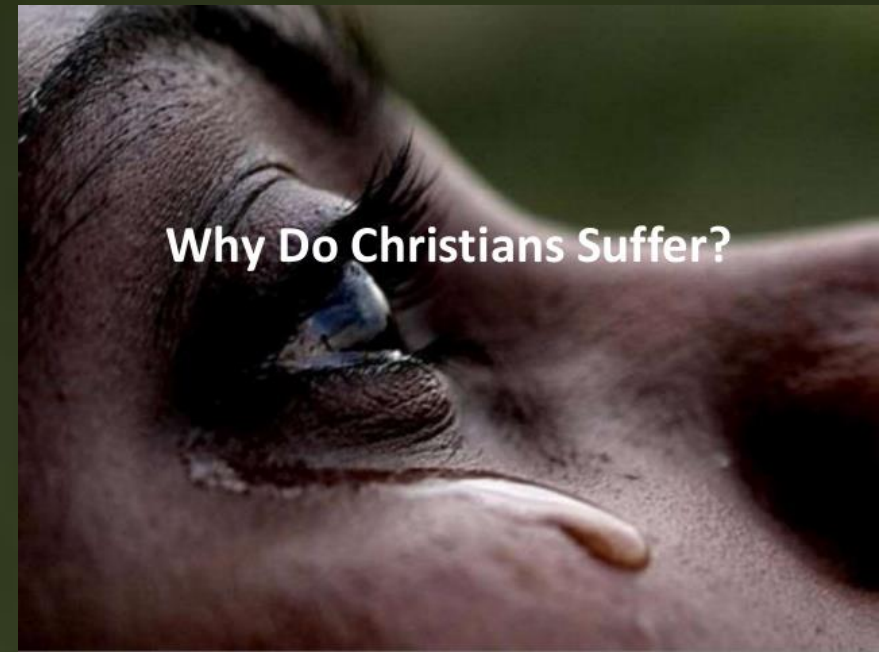
- Evil exists in the world because...
- The world is not worse, but larger
- God filters suffering for the believer
- GAS is fuel that is going to give us strength, wisdom, comfort, empathy, healing, character, and hope!



Why Do Christians Suffer?

GAS - So we can gain strength and wisdom

- Strength when you realize it is survivable
- Wisdom when you learn from it



Why Do Christians Suffer?

GAS – So we can comfort others

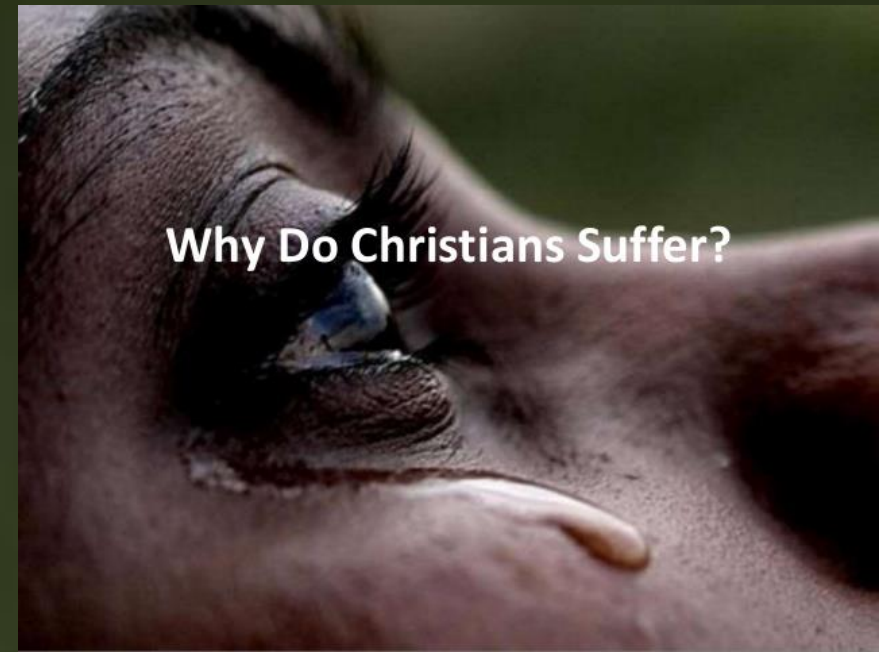
- Empathy
- God help me not to be the reason you suffer!
- Healing



Why Do Christians Suffer?

GAS – So we can develop character and hope

- Strength produces character
- Character produces hope
- Hope never disappoints us



Why Do Christians Suffer?

Life Application

- **Comfort someone who is struggling this week in an area you have experienced in the past, but God has seen you through**
- **Work with your person on an area where you feel you are suffering to see how God is using it to build you up from suffering to strength character and hope**

