



## *“Burning in God’s Promises”*

1 Peter 5:10-11  
PART 29

### INTRODUCTION

- the promise of suffering

“Suffering is meant not only to burn out the dross, but to burn in the promises.”  
– Charles Spurgeon

“No man is fit to preach the gospel, seeing the whole world is set against it, save only he who is armed to suffer.” – John Calvin

2 Tim. 3:12; Mt. 5:11-12

### *1. God’s work in His people: generally*

- the ubiquitous question “why?”

Ps. 66:10; Is. 48:10

- Peter’s benediction
  - + emphasis not on “little” or “suffering”
  - + emphasis on “grace” and “God” and His certain work

### *2. God’s work in His people: to PERFECT*

- literal meaning:  
Mt. 4:21; Mk. 1:19
- ethical meaning:  
Gal. 6:1; Heb. 13:20-21

- ‘mended’ ‘perfected’ into the likeness of Christ  
Rom. 8:28-29

### *3. God’s work in His people: to CONFIRM*

- “firm” (5:9); “confirm” (5:10)

- planting our feet on solid ground

Lk. 9:51; Rom. 16:25

### *4. God’s work in His people: to STRENGTHEN*

### *5. God’s work in His people: to ESTABLISH*

### CONCLUSION

Rom. 5:1-5