

Sermon Notes, Sunday Evening, March 7, 2010
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The Basis For All True Christian Beliefs
Why Bad Things Happen to God's Children
(Romans 5:1-5)

I. Four Responses When Bad Things Happen to God's Children

- A. They Go (Jonah 1:1-3)
- B. They Groan (1Kings 19:3-4)
- C. They Gripe (Hab 1:2-3)
- D. They Grow (Phil 2:8; Heb 5:8-9)

II. Four Reasons Why Bad Things Happen to God's Children (vv. 1-5)

- A. Conversion Leads to Conflict (vv. 1-3a)
 - 1. Pressure from the Lost World (Rom 12:2)
 - 2. Pressure from the Lustful Flesh (Gal 5:17)
 - 3. Pressure from our Lofty Enemies (Eph 6:10-17)
 - 4. Pressure from our Loving God (Heb 12:6-7)
- B. Conflict leads to Constancy (v. 3b; Rom 15:5)
- C. Constancy leads to Character (v. 4a; Rom 8:29; 1Pet 1:6-7)
- D. Character leads to Confidence (v. 4b-5; Heb 12:2-3; Titus 2:11-14)