

1 Peter Series

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**SPIRITUAL FOCUS;
DELIVERANCE IN
ADVERSITY AND PROSPERITY**

1 PETER 1:7-9

A photograph of a church steeple silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the steeple is a dark silhouette against the bright background. The foreground shows the dark outlines of trees and the roof of the church.

1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

1 Pet. 1:6, “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

1 Pet. 1:7, “that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 Pet. 1:8, “whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

1 Pet. 1:9, “receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”

Rejoicing in the Midst of the Present Fiery Trial Because Our Knowledge of the Word and Our Love For Christ which Enables Us to Look to a Future Deliverance in This Life as Well as the Glories to Come. 1 Peter 1:6–9

Doctrine of Suffering for Blessing

1. Every believer goes through tests.

A test is any situation where we choose to either sin or obey the Word; react through mental attitude sins: anger, lust, resentment, jealousy, bitterness—or sins of the tongue: gossip, maligning, lying, deception—or overt sins.

People tests

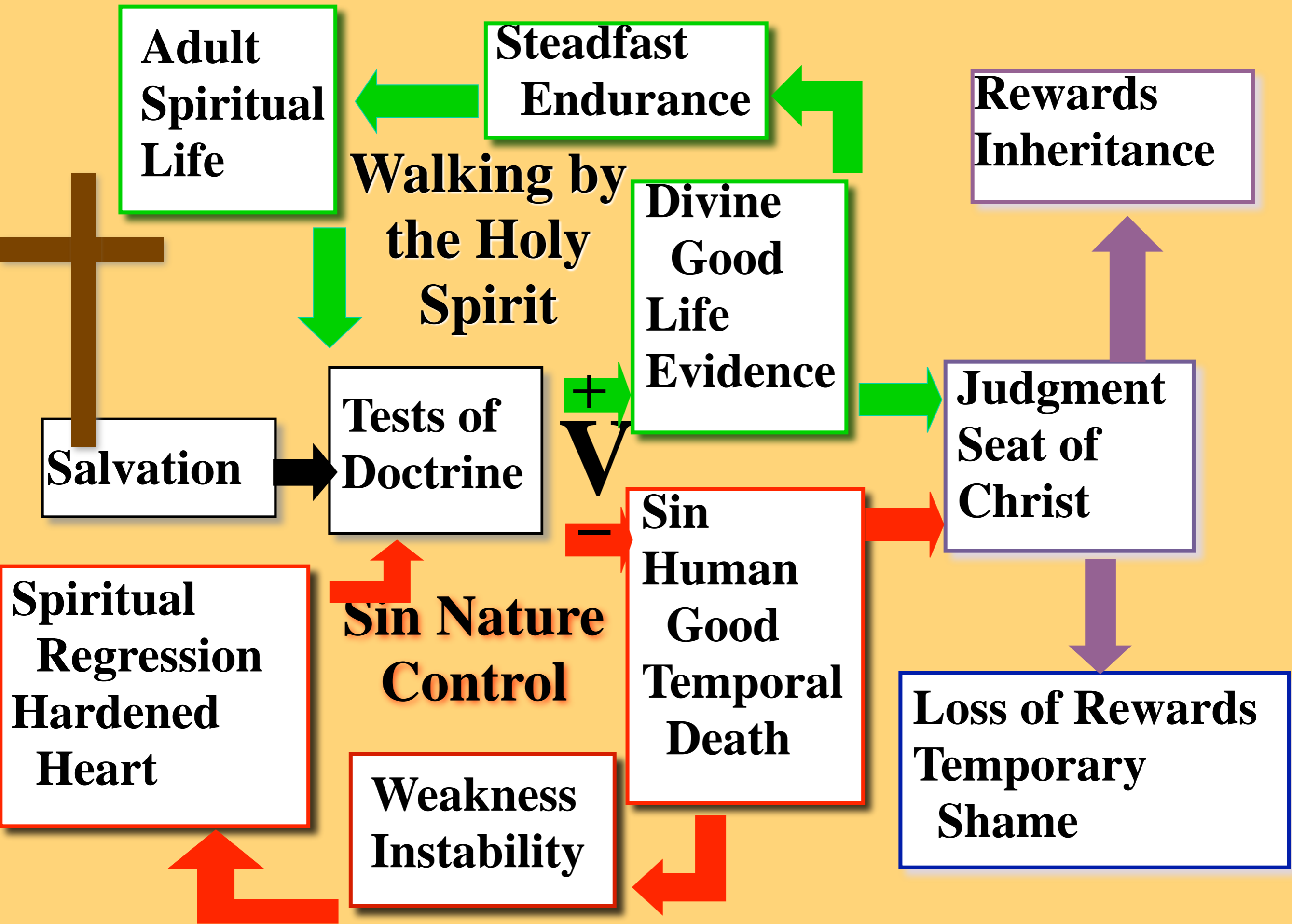
Authority tests

System tests

Moral tests

Thought tests

Emotional tests



2. God's training program utilizes adversity to teach us to utilize the 10 spiritual skills, which are spiritual skills needed for spiritual growth.

Spiritual Adults (**uijoi**; *huioi*, adult sons, Rom. 8:14)

PLG
Rom. 5:5

ILM
Gal. 5:14

O/C
Heb. 2:2

+H,
James 1:2

Spiritual Adolescence (**neanivskoi**, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13)

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16–17

Spiritual Childhood (**tevknon**, *teknon*)

Confess
1 John 1:9

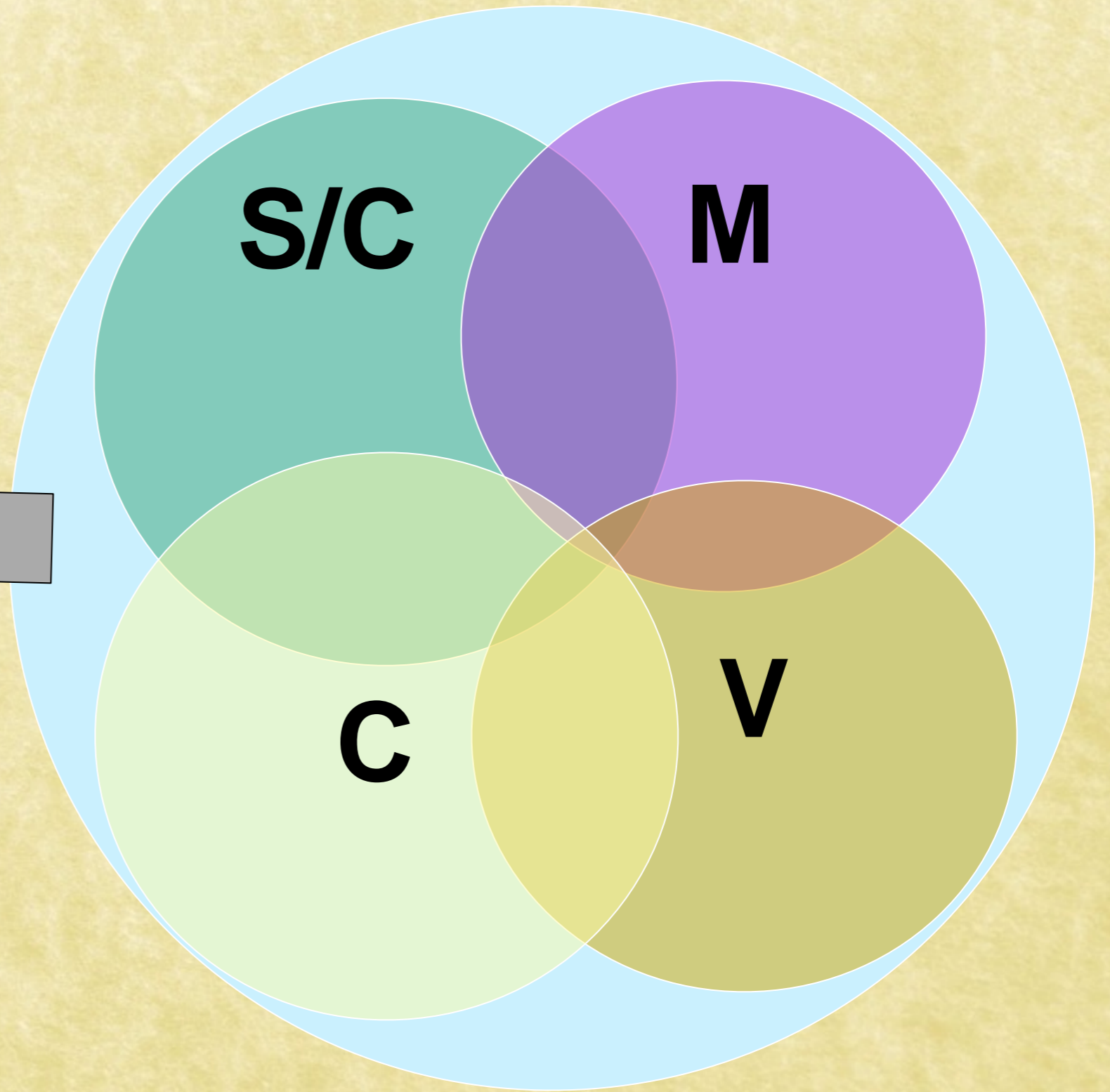
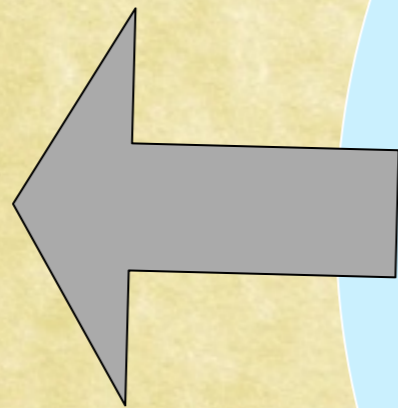
WHS, FHS
Eph. 5:18

FRD
2 Pet. 1:3, 4

G/O
2 Pet. 3:18

D/O
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The Human Soul



Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true [*alethes*], whatever things are noble [*semna* honorable, consistent with God’s character], whatever things are just [consistent with God’s integrity], whatever things are pure [morally unstained], whatever things are lovely [acceptable, pleasing to God], whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue [moral excellence] and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”

**λογίζομαι *logizomai* pres mid impera 2 plur
to count, think, calculate**

Rom. 8:5, “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

**φρονέω *phroneō* pres act
indic 3 plur to be wise, to
think**

Col. 3:2, “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

Four Spiritual Skills in 1 Peter 1:6–9

- 1. Joy is what we refer to as Inner Happiness, sharing the happiness of God.**
- 2. FAITH is what we believe, doctrinal orientation.**
- 3. Love for Christ is what we refer to as Occupation with Christ.**
- 4. *By believing* is what we refer to as the Faith Rest Drill.**

3. God trains us through situations which teach us to respond biblically.

4. A skill is mastered through constant repetition and practice, but only perfect practice makes perfect.

5. We have two options, either walk by the Spirit and apply the teaching of Scripture or opt for the sin nature.

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This is called

walking according to the sin nature, Gal. 5:16;

walking according to the flesh, Rom. 8:4;

walking in darkness, 1 John 1:6, 2:11;

walking according to our lusts, 2 Pet. 3:3;

Jude 16

6. When we choose to obey the Word and continue walking by the Spirit this is called:

walking in the light, 1 John 1:7, Eph 5:8;

abiding in Christ;

abiding in the light, 1 John 2:10;

walking in truth, 2 John 4; 3 John 3;

walking by the Spirit, Gal. 5:16;

walking according to the Spirit, Rom. 8:4;

living according to the Spirit, Rom. 8:5

7. A test is a test of doctrine in our soul; therefore a test focuses on knowledge of God's Word, that is the teaching of God's Word or doctrine.

**8. Tests are designed to expose our flaws,
but primarily to reveal our obedience.**

9. The process is describe in James 1:3; testing our doctrine and application of Faith-Rest Drill (FRD); this produces endurance, and as we strengthen in endurance, it leads to maturity.

When we fail, we confess sin, “reboot,” and keep moving, moving forward, “enduring,” “persevering.”

10. Reasons why we suffer; why we are tested.

Reasons we have adversity:

- 1. We live in a fallen world, corrupted by sin.**
- 2. We live with fallen, corrupt, sinful creatures.**
- 3. We live with our own fallen, corrupt nature.**

**Divine
viewpoint**

**Trust
FRD**

**10
Problem
Solving
Devices**



Adversity



Human viewpoint

Self-Protective Strategies



**Unfair and unjust
People testing
System testing
Health
Weather
Finances
Loss of freedom**

**Mental attitude sins
Sins of the tongue
Personal sins
Arrogance skills**



**SIN
NATURE**

11. Purposes for deserved and undeserved suffering.

Deserved:

Hos. 8:7, “They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It shall never produce meal. If it should produce, aliens [undocumented, illegal foreigners] would swallow it up.”

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Gal. 6:7, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

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Deserved:

For the unbeliever: A wake up call to salvation.

For the believer: Rebuke, correction, need to confess sin and recover, need to use the problem-solving skills.

As a witness to others: Both human and angelic, cf., Job.

Adversity/Prosperity Testing (Believers)

Direct Testing (deserved suffering)

Result of sinful choices
and actions

Foolish choices [human
viewpoint & human good]

Divine discipline

SUFFERING for
Discipline

1 Jn. 1:9

Indirect Testing (deserved suffering)

Satan's world (*kosmic*
system)

Suffering by association
with fallen creatures

Suffering for growth

Suffering for evidence:
angels, unbelievers,
believers

SUFFERING for
Blessing

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τέλος *telos*

acc neut sing
end, goal;
conclusion

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Rom. 11:3, “LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”?

Matt. 2:20, “saying, ‘Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.’ ”

John 10:11, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

Phil. 2:30, “because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.”

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They were already *justified, born again:*

James 1:18, “Of His own will He brought US forth by the word of truth, that WE might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION: 3 STAGES

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification

**Positional
Sanctification**

**Saved from the
Penalty of Sin**

**PHASE
Two**

**Spiritual
Life**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

**Saved from the
Power of Sin**

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Saved from the
Presence of Sin**

**Deliverance from Trials
In Your Spiritual Life**