

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** *Romans 5:3-5*

**Title:** **A Positive Perspective For Troubled Times**

**Central Truth:** As Christians, even in the midst of life's storms, we can have an unshakable confidence because we know God is keeping us and growing us.

### **I. vv. 3-5: God's Process of Developing Maturity**

Three Things:

#### **v. 3a: 1. The Perspective (*purpose*)**

Paul tells that as Christians there are certain truths we need to **know** which will enable us to respond to adversity the right way.

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#### **vv. 3b-4: 2. The Progression (*There is a specific sequence that must be followed*).**

##### **v. 3b: KJV & NASB - tribulations, NIV & ESV - suffering (*Greek - thlipsis*)**

It refers to hardships, pressures, and sufferings. This word was used to describe the squeezing of olives to extract the oil. KJV - **patience**, NIV & NASB - **perseverance**, ESV - **endurance** Literally it means to bear up or hold up under a load.

##### **v. 4: KJV - experience, NIV - character, NASB - proven character - This word was used to describe the testing of coins and other precious metals to determine their purity. God wants to grow us into a finished product!**

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#### **v. 5: 3. The Promise**

KJV - **maketh not ashamed, does not disappoint** - Everybody and everything here on this earth will at some time or another disappoint us, but the **HOPE** which God gives will never let us down. The Holy Spirit in us is God's gift and guarantee of all that is going to come in Heaven!

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