

3 And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Please fill in the missing word:

" ... but we also _____ in tribulations."

The word *glory* in the original Greek means "to glory with or without reason, to glory in a thing.

What reason do we have to glory in tribulations?

What do tribulations produce?

The word *perseverance* transliterates as *hypomone* which means, "one who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings." Though we often think tribulations will knock us off course, they actually enable us to learn to stay the course.

Perseverance produces ______.

Character is equivalent to Christ-likeness.

What does character generate?

Name a challenging situation which built your character.

Why can you hope when facing future trials?

What is the ultimate result of any tribulation?