

# 25 Reasons Why Christians Suffer\*

	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Reference</b>
1.	<b>To produce the fruit of patience</b>	<b>Rom. 5:3; James 1:3–4; Heb. 10:36</b>
2.	<b>To produce the fruit of joy</b>	<b>Ps. 30:5; 126:5–6</b>
3.	<b>To produce the fruit of maturity</b>	<b>Ecl. 7:3; 1 Pet. 5:10</b>
4.	<b>To produce the fruit of righteousness</b>	<b>Heb. 12:11</b>
5.	<b>To silence the devil</b>	<b>Job 1:9, 10, 20–22</b>
6.	<b>To teach us</b>	<b>Ps. 119:67, 71</b>
7.	<b>To purify our lives</b>	<b>Job 23:10; Ps. 66:10–12; Isa. 1:25; 48:10; Prov. 17:3; 1 Pet. 1:7</b>
8.	<b>To make us like Christ</b>	<b>Heb. 12:9, 10; 1 Pet. 4:12–13; Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 4:7–10</b>
9.	<b>To glorify God</b>	<b>Ps. 50:15; John 9:1–3; 11:1–4; 21:18–19; Phil. 1:19–20</b>
10.	<b>To prevent us from sinning</b>	<b>2 Cor. 12:7, 9–10</b>
11.	<b>To make us confess when we do sin</b>	<b>Judg. 10:6–7, 15–16; Ps. 32:3–5; Hos. 5:15; 6:1; 2 Chron. 15:3–4</b>
12.	<b>To chasten us for our sin</b>	<b>1 Pet. 4:17</b>
13.	<b>To prove our salvation</b>	<b>Heb. 12:5–6</b>
14.	<b>To reveal ourselves to ourselves</b>	<b>Job 42:6; Luke 15:18</b>
15.	<b>To help our prayer life</b>	<b>Isa. 26:16</b>
16.	<b>To become an example to others</b>	<b>2 Cor. 6:4–5; 1 Thess. 1:6–7</b>
17.	<b>To qualify us as counselors</b>	<b>Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2; 2 Cor. 1:3–5</b>
18.	<b>To further the gospel witness</b>	<b>Acts 8:1–5; 16:25–34; Phil. 1:12–13; 2 Tim. 4:6–8, 16–17</b>
19.	<b>To make us more than conquerors</b>	<b>2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:35, 37</b>
20.	<b>To give us insight into God’s nature</b>	<b>Job 42:5; Rom. 8:14–15, 18</b>
21.	<b>To drive us closer to God</b>	<b>1 Pet. 4:14; 2 Cor. 12:10</b>
22.	<b>To prepare us for a greater ministry</b>	<b>1 Kings 17–18; John 12:24</b>
23.	<b>To provide for us a reward</b>	<b>Matt. 5:10–12; 19:27–29; Rom. 8:16–17; 2 Cor. 4:17</b>
24.	<b>To prepare us for the kingdom</b>	<b>2 Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:12</b>
25.	<b>To show God’s sovereignty</b>	<b>Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 10:13; Ps. 66:10–12; Gen. 45:5–8; 50:20</b>

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