

PREPOSITIONS OF FAITH

1. Things happen _____ us

I Peter 4:12 – “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed.” James 1:2 – “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds...” John 16:33 – “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Oh, yes, stuff happens! Jesus says “it rains on the just and the unjust.”

2. God works _____ us – Rom. 8:28

The subject of this verse is NOT “things” – the subject is “_____”

3. God is _____ us – Heb. 13:5,6 – “He has said, I will never leave you or forsake you – so we may boldly say, “the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man can do to me.”

Ps. 23:4 – “yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.”

4. God wants to move _____ us – II Cor. 1:4 – comfort others with the same comfort that we received from God – we are a conduit THROUGH WHICH God’s comfort flows out to others.

This is important because

5. We live for _____ – II Cor. 5:18-20

When things happen to us, the question is not “Why is this happening to me?” but rather, “WHAT can I do with this, and _____ can God minister to through me with this?”

6. Over it all – God is _____ us – Rom. 8:31 – if God for us, who can be against us?

Part of being in the family of God is being WITH and FOR each other.

Things happen TO us, so God can work IN us, and knowing that God is WITH us, and wants to move THROUGH us, we live FOR others, knowing that God is FOR us!

That's FAITH!

