

# WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

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## 1:10 HOMEWORK

# I AM Afflicted

### EPHESIANS 3:1-13

In Ephesians 3:1-13, Paul begins a thought on his affection and prayer for the church in Ephesus. But before he can complete that thought (which he comes back to in v. 14), Paul speaks again about reconciliation of Jew and Gentile and his suffering as a prisoner for Jesus. This morning we focus on his suffering.

## We all face afflictions of various kinds.

### EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE:

- Adamic** — Everyone is afflicted with a sin nature and its general effects.
- Punishment** — Unbelievers are punished for their sin by God.
- Consequential** — We make stupid choices that result in affliction.
- Demonic** — Some affliction is demonic and can include torment, physical injury, deception, accusation, and even death.
- Victim** — Some affliction is the result of being sinned against.
- Collective** — Result of being part of a group of suffering people.
- Disciplinary** — God chastens believers in order to mature them. This is different than punishment for sin. Jesus was punished for our sin, we are disciplined to grow.
- Vicarious** — Those in Jesus suffer because the ungodly oppose them.
- Empathetic** — Suffering we feel when someone we love is hurting.
- Testimonial** — An opportunity to give testimony about Jesus in our suffering.
- Providential** — Provides the opportunity for others to grow in their love of Jesus.
- Preventative** — A warning to avoid greater affliction.
- Mysterious** — Sometimes God just doesn't share the reason for our afflictions.
- Apocalyptic** — In the end, there will be increased suffering for God's people.

## Trial vs. Consequence

- TRIAL** = A painful circumstance allowed by God to shape us.
- CONSEQUENCE** = The natural outcome of our choices.

## Purpose of Our Afflictions

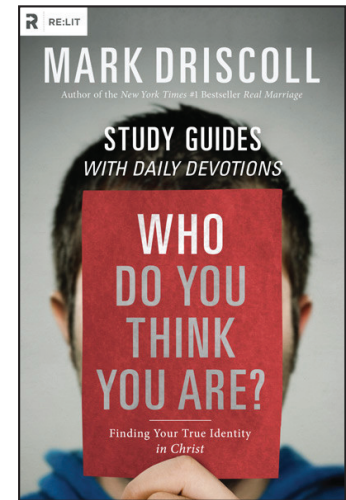
Job 23:10 (ESV)

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.

### 1. GOD'S GLORY.

### 2. OTHERS' GOOD.

### 3. OUR GROWTH & JOY.



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