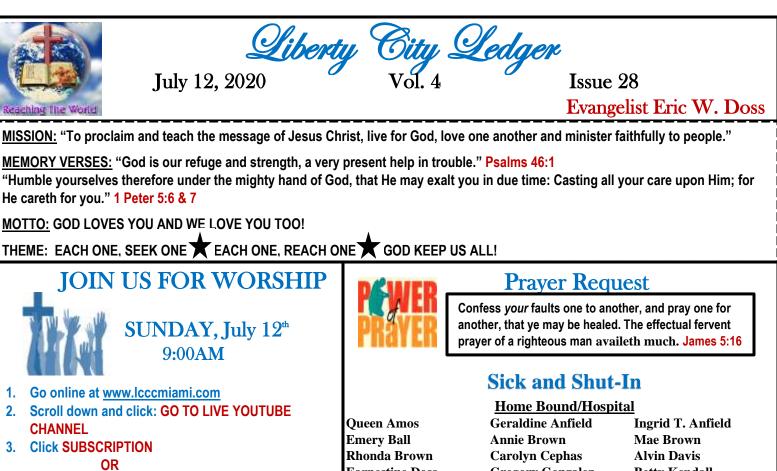


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Why Does God Allow Good People to Suffer? (Part 14)

Those who experience the sufficiency of God in times of suffering do not resent their affliction but treasure it as God's appointed means of drawing men close to Him, the "Father of mercies." Asaph learned this lesson, as did Job. Peter, who bristled at the mere mention of suffering by our Lord, wrote his first epistle on the subject, telling his readers that those who suffered for Christ's sake were blessed (1 Peter 4). Paul finds his former status and success as an unbelieving Jewish leader are "dung," but his sufferings in Christ are a precious treasure (Philippians 3:1-16). James instructs us to "Consider it all joy, ... when you encounter various trials" (James 1:2). Suffering is intended to draw us near to the heart of God. And so, it is with Paul, who in the midst of unbelievable suffering, writes these introductory words to his epistle praising God for His mercies and comfort in the midst of his trials and tribulations.

(4) Suffering is God's means of equipping us to minister to others (verses 4, 6). Suffering as a Christian, experiencing the "sufferings of Christ," is a source of personal blessing and benefit. But it would be wrong for us to view our sufferings in a selfish way. As our Lord's sufferings were for our benefit and blessing, our sufferings are intended to be a blessing to others. The comfort which we should experience, the comfort which the "Father of mercies" bestows upon us, is not something we are to hoard but something we are to share. Paul assumes that Christians will all share in the sufferings of Christ (see 2 Timothy 3:12).

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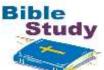


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> HealthCare Ministry (Part 2) Study Ties Blood Type to COVID-19 Risk: Blood Type "O" May Help, Blood Type "A" Hurt Submitted by: Beatrice Ramsey

Other scientists urged caution regarding the data about whether someone develops severe disease. The evidence of a role for blood type is "tentative ... it isn't enough of a signal to be sure," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute in San Diego. The study, involving scientists in Italy, Spain, Denmark, Germany and other countries, compared about 2,000 patients with severe COVID-19 to several thousand other people who were healthy or who had only mild or no symptoms. Researchers tied variations in six genes to the likelihood of severe disease, including some that could have a role in how vulnerable people are to the virus. They also tied blood groups to possible risk. Most genetic studies like this are much larger, so it would be important to see if other scientists can look at other groups of patients to see if they find the same links, Topol said. Many researchers have been hunting for clues as to why some people infected with the coronavirus get very ill and others, less so. Being older or male seems to increase risk, and scientists have been looking at genes as another possible "host factor" that influences disease severity.



"... Jesus said, 'White, whole wheat or rye?""

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- In person at Supervisor of Elections;
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