

Joy in Chastisement

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1 Corinthians 11:32 - "But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

Present chastisement is a general evidence that a person will miss future condemnation in the final judgement. Likewise, lack of chastisement generally evidences the opposite. See Hebrews 10:8. Also, God isn't diabolical in his discipline. It is implemented with a purpose. His parental admonishing is to conform us more to his image (Hebrews 10:10-12).

In other words, God's parental chastisement should not make a person angry or discouraged, but instead it should give us a humble attitude of gratitude knowing that he is our Father and desires that we partake in the fellowship of his holiness. It may seem painful for a moment, but its effects are peaceable.

"Let sorrow do its work,
Send grief and pain;
Sweet are thy messengers,
Sweet their refrain,
When they can sing with me,
More love, O Christ, to thee,
More love to thee,
More love to thee."