

II. The Assurance of God's Love

v 5 - 13

God manifests his love to his children thru chastening. Paul quotes Solomon in Proverbs 3:11-12 as proof. God has used chastening as a child rearing technique from the founding of the nation Israel; cf Deuteronomy 3:5. God allows trials to grow his children to maturity. God uses church leaders to instruct his children how to understand and endure the circumstances of our 'wilderness journey'; Psalm 94:12, 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12.

Our earthly *fathers chastened us after their own pleasure*; our heavenly Father does it *for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness*. Sadly, many Christians quit on God and become bitter when things don't go their way. True faith understands that trials are the assurance of God's love. The endurance of faith enables us to submit to God's will and way. This brings glory to his name!

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III. God's Continuing Grace

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Paul urges his readers to use the eye of faith and look in four directions. This exercise will encourage them to depend on God's grace rather than their own strength.

- Look back v 15-17 Esau is an example of one who never looked for grace.
- Look around v 18-21 You are not under the law any more, your'e under grace.
- Look up v 22-24 Mt. Sion is higher than Mt. Sinai; for grace is greater than sin.
- Look ahead v 25-29 The unshakeable Kingdom of God is coming! It's built by grace.

Our new life was birthed by God's grace and our new life is sustained by grace. As we run the Christian race we look to Jesus and draw on the Father's grace to cross the finish line.