

But then what a strange thing ~~he~~ he says next: The ~~power~~ power of His resurrection: glorious, powerful, marvelous; and the fellowship of His suffering. Well, ~~he~~ who wants suffering? Who wants the ~~full~~ fellowship of suffering? We want power; and God offers us power, and we can have power through Christ. But then he ~~says~~ says he wants ~~the~~ the fellowship of His suffering. And of course there is the very heart of the Gospel. It is through the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ; it is through His sufferings that He made available to us the power that can change us from darkness into life. It is through the suffering ~~that~~ that Christ made (endured?) for us. And life, as long as there is sin in the world, is going to have suffering ~~for~~ ~~us~~ in it. Oh, one of the sufferings that every Christian has is when he enters into the Christian life; he becomes a Chr. and all life takes on a different complexion; everything is wonderful; and then he thinks of course ~~everything~~ every Chr. is ~~perfect~~ perfect. And pretty soon he decides, "Oh, isn't this marvelous? Instead of being with ~~the~~ wicked ~~people~~ people, I'm now with Christians. They'll never lie; they'll never cheat; they'll never be selfish; they'll never do anything that that's bad. They're all just wonderful, just like I am now. And he doesn't know that perhaps he isn't. They notice it pretty soon I think. But after a while he finds that there is still sin there. There is still sin in him. There is still sin in them. There is sin in everything in this world. And God wants us to get away ~~from~~ from the sin. He wants us to use the power of the resurrection. But this power was shown through (?) (not clear) the sufferings of Christ; and ~~God wants~~ it may be God's will to show it that way with us. I read a most distressing book ~~recently~~, a book by a man who came from a marvelous Christian ~~family~~ background, and then in this book he makes fun of, and ridicules his background, all the way along through the book, and criticizes Christian attitudes, but ends up finally ~~with~~ with a few words of praise for Christ, and makes it look as if he still held some faith. I incline to think it is a nostalgia for the wording (?) (unclear) of his youth,