15.08.16 In Spite of Circumstances John 16.33 Notes

As we learn about Buddhism, be encouraged to **Embrace the God allows in your life.**

BACKGROUND

**GOD**

Buddhists deny the existence of a personal God.

Christians believe in a  God. Romans 8.31 – 32; Job 42.2; Matthew 19.26

**JESUS**

Buddhists believe Jesus was a good  but not as important as Buddha.

Christians recognize and  Jesus as the unique son of God who died for our sin. John 9.24 – 25; 1 Corinthians 15.3; Romans 5.6 – 8

**SALVATION**

Buddhists believe salvation comes only through  **.**

Followers of Jesus recognize that salvation comes only through the efforts of Jesus. Titus 3.5

Buddhism’s *Four Noble Truths*:

* is universal. John 16.33
* The cause of suffering is craving or selfish desires. James 1.14
* The cure of suffering is to eliminate  . Romans 7.18
* Eliminate craving by following the Middle Way and the Noble Eightfold Path.

APPLICATION: **Embrace the suffering God allows in your life.**

God uses suffering for a number of purposes:

 **for sin.** Psalm 32.3 – 5; Psalm 119.67

**Tool for .** Psalm 119.71; James 1.2 – 4

**So we will more deeply on Him**.

Ephesians 6.10 – 13: 2 Corinthians 12.7 – 10; Examples of Dale; Diane

 **those who are suffering.** Matthew 25.35 – 40

**Look forward to glory.**

Hebrews 12.2; John 16.33; Romans 8.18

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