

When you suffer are you submitted or surrendered to God?

2 different terms

Submission- indicates a willingness to do something—to make a conscious decision—tension still remains—to accept something but not fully.

Submission, is the act of accepting the authority or control of someone else, the recognition of a higher authority.

A superficial yielding

“I will submit because it hurts”

“I’ll do it but I won’t like it”.

“I am doing this under protest.”

“I will do it, but only because you asked.” (Told me too)

When we submit, we "give in.

Submission is a half-hearted acceptance that allows for the tension of desire for NOT accepting.

Philippians 3:21

"Who, by the power that enables him to bring EVERYTHING under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Surrender, - all forms of conscious and unconscious resistance cease to operate.

It is an agreement to stop fighting, hiding, resisting, etc., because you know that you will not win or succeed: an act of surrendering the act of giving the control to God. : The act of allowing yourself to be influenced or controlled by God –

Could possibly imply surrender to the Godly authority set over you?

Is the moment when my forces of resistance cease to function, when I cannot help but respond to the call of the Spirit.

The ability to surrender is a gift of God it cannot be attained by personal endeavor.

Job 11:13-15

13 Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, 14 and give up your sins, even those you do in secret. 15 Then you won't be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless.

Submission is characterized with peace; surrender is characterized with struggle.

When we surrender, we "give up

Jesus. While here on earth, He didn't just submit, He surrendered.

- He handed Himself over to others
- He emptied Himself completely

Jesus surrendered what was rightly his so we could have a lifesaving relationship with His Father.

Galatians 2:20, ESV

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Matthew 11:28,

ESV Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 16:33, NIV I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”