

GOD FOR US: A Study in Romans 8

Future Glory - Romans 8:18

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For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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I. CHRISTIAN SUFFERING = GLORY

- Paul has considered the sufferings of this world, and has found them insignificant considering the glory we will see and experience (Acts 14:19; 2 Cor. 11:16-33; 2 Cor. 4:16-18).
- Paul has just reassured the Roman believers that the Holy Spirit assures our spirits that we are God's children. This is not suffering for evil or sin (Rom. 8:16-17).
- It isn't that suffering in this world is imagined. Sufferings are real. They just pale in comparison to glory.
- Christ-followers are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ with one provision...that we suffer with Christ (vs. 17).
- Jesus was glorified through his sufferings. His brothers and sisters will know glory in the same manner (John 17:1; Col. 2:15; 1 Pet. 1:3-7).

II. THE GREAT REVEALING

- The glory to be revealed appears to be both God's glory revealed to us and our glorified bodies (Rom. 8:19, 23).
- Mortality will give way to immortality (1 Cor. 15:50-58).

MAIN POINT: In the end, it is all worth it (Heb. 13:12-14).

KNOW: Suffering is real, and it is painful. But it simply does not compare to what awaits those who have placed their hope in Jesus Christ.

DO: Seek a future glory.

Recommended Reading:

Suffering: Eternity Makes a Difference, Paul Tripp (LifePoint Library #248.86 TRI)

When God Weeps, Joni Eareckson Tada (LifePoint Library #248.86 TAD)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Romans 8:18

1. What has Paul considered in our passage from Sunday?
2. What has been his conclusion after his consideration?
3. Why is his conclusion so hard for us to believe/accept sometimes?
4. Big question here: Why does evil and suffering exist?
5. Is it realistic to trade suffering here for glory in eternity? Does such an idea bring hope to you? Why or why not?
6. What are some of your own takeaways from this passage? In what ways is it helpful to you in your Christian walk?