

Suffering & Glory :: knowing your future in Christ
Romans 8:18-30
Freedom, 8
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The promise of future glory overshadows the pain of present suffering. v. 18
"our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us"

We develop this new way of looking at life as we ...

- 1. acknowledge the pain of living in a fallen world.** verse 19-23a
"we ourselves groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption"
- 2. live patiently with a hope in coming redemption.** verse 23b-25
"if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently"
- 3. allow the Holy Spirit to help us.** verse 26-27
"the Spirit helps us in our weakness"
- 4. trust in God's ability to use and reward our suffering.** verse 28-29
"we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him"
- 5. rest in His sovereign rescue plan.** verse 30
"those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified"

Application:

Where is your hope? How does your mindset need to change?

Quotes:

"Our lives are short when compared to the recorded history of mankind and but a whisper in the night compared to the endless reaches of eternity. How we use our few short days is extremely significant." Joe Wall, *Going for the Gold*

Resources: *Going for the Gold*, Joe Wall (basic resource); *The Reign of the Servant Kings*, Joseph Dillow (very in-depth)

Biblical passages that speak of rewards: Revelation 22:12; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 John 2:28; Romans 14:10; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25; 1 Timothy 6:18-19; 2 Timothy 4:8; Matthew 6:20; Matthew 25:21; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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