

“Suffering and Glory”
Romans 8:18–25
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THE HOPE OF OUR FUTURE GLORY SUSTAINS US IN SUFFERING.

I. OUR FUTURE GLORY IS INCOMPARABLE (v. 18).

2 Cor 4:17-18 ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

II. OUR FUTURE GLORY IS WHAT CREATION LONGS TO SEE (vv. 19–22).

- a. Creation’s bondage a result of man’s sin
- b. Creation’s renewal will be subsequent to believer’s restoration

III. OUR FUTURE GLORY IS THE CLIMAX OF OUR ADOPTION IN CHRIST (v. 23).

- a. Already: Firstfruits (v. 23a)
- b. Not Yet: Glorification (v. 23b)

Phil 3:20-21 ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

2 Tim 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began

IV. OUR FUTURE GLORY GIVES US PATIENCE IN SUFFERINGS (vv. 24–25)

“Suffering has never wrecked a person’s faith, it has always revealed a person’s faith.” Bryan Loritts