

So What?

Christian life is “cruciform” in nature – “We are shaped by the cross into the shape of the cross.”ⁱ This affects every element of our lives.

Our mystical union with Christ will lead us to sharing in his suffering in unpredictable ways as a part of our being conformed to the image of Jesus. Romans 8:29

Do we have to seek out suffering? No, but don’t always avoid it. Hebrews 11:25

In Christ, we can expect glory after our suffering.

The Power of His Resurrection

Experiencing the power of his resurrection now

This is related to the loss of all things in verses 7-8.

In the “cross shaped life” you experience his power – he is with you, while you suffer for him, to give you power and joy

Anticipating the final resurrection

ⁱ From the book “Cruciform” by Jimmy Davis