Encounter Church

Sermon Notes

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Suffering in Light of Glory

Romans 8:17–18

Slide 1 — 1 John 3:2

2 Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

Slide 2 — Romans 8:17–18

17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. 18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

Slide 3 — Romans 3:23

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Slide 4

“Salvation can’t stop anywhere short of total perfection, or it simply isn’t salvation.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Slide 5 — 2 Corinthians 3:18

18 …all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

Slide 6 — Philippians 1:6

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Slide 7 — Romans 8:17

17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory.

Slide 8 — Romans 8:16

16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.

Slide 9 — Galatians 3:29

29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Slide 10 — Romans 4:11

11 …Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith…They are counted as righteous because of their faith.

Slide 11 — Romans 8:17

17 …In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory.

Slide 12 — Hebrews 1:2

2 …God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance…

Slide 13 — Romans 8:17

17 …In fact, together with Christ we are heirs

Slide 14 — Revelation 3:21

21 Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.

Slide 15 — 1 Corinthians 15:48–49

48 Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. 49 Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man.

Slide 16 — John 17:21–22

21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. 22 I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.

Slide 17 — Romans 8:17

17 …together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory.

Slide 18 — Colossians 3:24

24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward.

Slide 19 — Matthew 25:34

34 “…‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.…’

Slide 20 — Romans 8:17

17 …But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Slide 21 — 2 Timothy 3:12

12 …everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Slide 22 — Matthew 5:10–12

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. 11 “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

Slide 23 — 2 Corinthians 4:17–18

17 For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Slide 24 — Romans 8:18

18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

Slide 25

Our pain is wrapped up in mortal, fading bodies, but our future is anchored in the perfected, imperishable life God is bringing to completion.

Slide 26 — 2 Corinthians 1:5

5 For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.