

The Book of Romans 8:28-30

Romans 8:18 “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

- Paul is writing in the context of suffering, not ease.
- The present suffering is real, but the future glory is greater.
- Our hope is not that suffering disappears, but that Christ will ultimately redeem all things.

Romans 8:26–27 “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

- Even when suffering leaves us without words, the Holy Spirit is still at work.
- God is not absent in our weakness.

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

WE KNOW

- Paul begins with assurance. We know that God is at work.
- This promise includes suffering, hardship, loss, and pain.
- Romans 8:28 is not simply a promise that life will become easy or pleasant.

WHAT DOES “GOOD” MEAN?

We often define good as:

- Good health - Economic security - Physical safety – Happiness - An easy path.

But Paul defines the good in the next verse Romans 8:29 “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...”

- The good Paul is talking about is being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
- God’s purpose is that we increasingly think like Jesus, act like Jesus, and treat others like Jesus.
- A situation can be deeply painful and still be used by God for our good.

SUFFERING CAN SHAPE US

- Suffering can teach us empathy - Suffering can humble us - Suffering can force us to rely more fully on the Lord - Suffering can expose the limits of our own strength and self-assurance - God can use painful seasons to make us look more like Christ.

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LOVE AND TRUST

- To love the Lord is to trust the Lord.
- We may not understand what God is doing.
- We may not like the path we are walking.
- We may not have chosen the suffering.
- But we can still trust that God will not waste the pain.

In the middle of suffering we can pray:

- “Lord, use this pain for Your glory.” “Use this to shape me.” “Make me more like Jesus through this.”

Romans 8:30 “And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”

- Those who belong to Christ have been called.
- Those who belong to Christ have been justified by the blood of Jesus.
- We are now living between justification and glorification.
- Our hope is fixed on the day when God completes His work and glorifies His people.

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OUR HOPE

- Our hope is not that this life will always be happy or easy.
- Our hope is that God is working even in the pain.
- Our hope is that He is making us more like Jesus.
- Our hope is that one day He will bring us all the way to glory.

God will not waste the pain.

Even in the midst of it, we can trust Him and worship Him.