

**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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