

The Hope of Eternal Glory

(Romans 8:17-30)

Intro: Romans chapter 8 you recall sets forth God's provision for the believer's righteous living. The next thing Paul wants us to know is that "as co-heirs with Christ, we may be called on to suffer with Him, in order that we may also be glorified with Him" (v. 17). This 17th verse links together two truths we generally don't put together: sufferings and glory. In light of the suffering all believers will face in this life, Paul provides believers with three grounds for hope: (1) the glory that will be revealed (vv. 18-25); (2) the help provided by the Holy Spirit (vv. 26-27); (3) the believer's assurance that God is working all things together for good (vv. 28-30).

I. The Glory That Will Be Revealed (vv. 18-25)

A. Creation groans (vv. 19-22)

B. Believers groan (vv. 23-25)



II. The Help Provided By The Holy Spirit (vv. 26-27)

* The Holy Spirit groans

III. The Believer's Assurance That God Is Working All Things Together For Good (vv. 28-30).

Conclusion:

Paul makes it clear, that sharing in the sufferings of Christ leads to sharing in His eternal glory. We need to develop Paul's eternal perspective. So we can too can view our present sufferings as nothing in comparison to the eternal glory that awaits us as Christians. Instead of complaining when we face difficulties let us praise God that we have been counted worthy to suffer for Christ's name, that we may also share in His glory that is to come.