

Questions

1. Read Romans 8:1-17. What is one life-changing truth that has helped you become more conformed to the family image of God?
2. Think about a recent instance of suffering. Was it caused by sin (yours or another's) or was it a manifestation of life in a fallen world? What did you learn about the Lord, or what was reinforced about Him, through your suffering?
3. Do you agree with the statement that suffering is a necessity for the believer? Why or why not?
4. Read Romans 8:19-21. What does it seem to mean that "the creation was subjected to futility" (emptiness), and is in "bondage to corruption"?
5. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer prompt groaning in our present suffering (with the knowledge of our future glory)? Include "the firstfruits of the Spirit" in your thinking.
6. What does it mean for a believer to be glorified? Why is that such a wonderful state? What is the purpose of our glorification?
7. What is one of the most exciting aspects for you of the future glory that you will experience at the return of Christ? Take time now and give thanks to the Lord and pray for His help to meditate on that truth this week.

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— A Sermon Series on Romans 8 —

Present Suffering & Future Glory

Romans 8:18-25

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Every believer in Jesus Christ must have a theology of future glory. If we are to have a right understanding of our existence, in this life and the one to come, we need to clearly see the split screen of suffering and glory, as it's unfolded in Romans 8:18-25.

Present Suffering

1. Necessary

2. Extensive

2. Complete

3. Groan-inducing

3. Hope-inducing

Future Glory

1. Incomparable