

THE TRIALS THAT YOU HAVE NOW CANNOT COMPARE TO THE GLORY THAT IS COMING

(Romans 8:18-25)

I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED THROUGH HIS GLORIFICATION OF ALL BELIEVERS (8:14-39)

A. THE MULTIPLE BENEFITS OF YOUR SPIRITUAL SONSHIP (8:14-17)

B. A CORRECT PERSPECTIVE ON PRESENT SUFFERING (8:18)

1. The Lord desires that you would have a _____ regarding your present trials. (v. 18a)

* Why do Christians suffer?

2. The Lord wants you to continually understand that your future _____ far _____ your present suffering. (v. 18b)

C. AN EAGER ANTICIPATION OF A FUTURE GLORY (8:19-25)

1. The natural creation is _____ for the manifestation of God's children to be glorified. (v. 19)

2. Because of Adam's sin, all of creation was subjected to a _____. (v. 20, cf. Gen. 3:14-19; Rom. 5:12)

3. God's future promise regarding the natural creation is that it will _____
from the bondage of _____ at the time of Christ's return. (v. 21)

4. Until that glorious time comes, all of natural creation is feeling the _____
and even _____ effects of sin, to the point that it is groaning. (v. 22)

5. As a believer in Christ, you have been given the _____ - _____ of the
Holy Spirit as a _____ of the future redemption of your body. (v. 23)

6. The reason a believer can eagerly and patiently wait for a future glorification is that we were
already _____ in this _____. (v. 24)

7. "Hope" for the Christian can be defined as a _____ of
the future, and we are to hope "*with perseverance.*" (v. 25)

* Do you have this hope for your future?