



# Present Suffering vs. Future Glory



## Salvation:

### Phase 1

saved from  
the penalty  
of sin

**justification**

Rom 3:24 being  
**justified** as a gift by  
His grace through the  
redemption which is in  
Christ Jesus.

### Phase 2

saved from  
the power  
of sin

**sanctification**  
growing in grace

Rom 6:11 Even so  
consider yourselves  
to be dead to sin,  
**but alive to God in**  
Christ Jesus.

### Phase 3

saved from  
the presence  
of sin

**glorification**  
face to face with Christ

2 Cor 5:8b  
and [I] prefer rather  
to be absent from the  
body and to be at  
**home with the Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> and **if** children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **if indeed** we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.



**if indeed** – *eiper* - intensified form *ei* – a fulfilled condition\*

- *lit:* since indeed or inasmuch as - very strong statement of fact!\*
- not a condition but an accepted fact\*

**we suffer with *Him*** – present tense continuous action

**suffer with** – *sunpaschō* - to suffer with or co-suffers

- 1 Cor 12:26 And if one member suffers, all the members **suffer with** it [body of Christ]; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.
- note: in the context it is “with Christ”
- we are suffering for who we are – children of God

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so that – *hina* - with a purpose that

we may also be glorified with *Him* – subjunctive mood

- this construction shows us God’s design: present suffering resulting in future glory\*
- suffering with Christ is a necessary prelude for our being glorified with Christ\*

glorified with – *sundoxázō* - to glorify together or co-glorified

- an event that God will perform
- glorifying [*doxazo*] God – to ascribing honor to Him, acknowledging Him as to His being, attributes and acts
- this verse begins the discussion of the believer’s “glorification” in Romans 8

# Today's verses Rom 8:18-19



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for I consider that

consider – *logizomai* – *lit*: putting it down as true

- The word refers to a process of reasoning which results in the arriving at a conclusion.\*
- for I have come to a reasoned conclusion\* \*Wuest
- what follows is Paul's reasoned conclusion

the sufferings of this present time [subject]

sufferings - *páthēma* – that which is suffered,

- for a believer that which is suffered for Christ

present time – *lit*: present seasons - a fixed or definite period, a season

- sufferings are seasonal! Merryman

# Sufferings for Christ



- 2 Cor 1:5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.
- Phil 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- Col 1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.
- 1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.
- 1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,



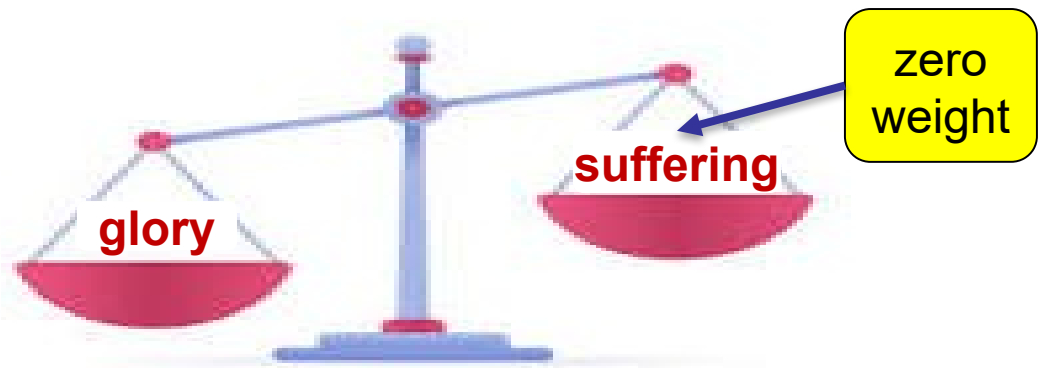
18 For I consider that **the sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory** that is to be revealed to us.

**are not worthy** [*axiso*] – *lit:* are of no weight

- some believe it refers to a **set of scales** where the weights bring or draw down the beam Zodhiates

**to be compared with** [*pros*] **the glory**

- our glorification is the third and final aspect of our salvation in which God will deliver us from the presence of sin forever.\*



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the glory to be revealed to [in] us

revealed - *apokalyptō* - "to uncover, unveil" (*apo*, "from,"  
*kalyptō* "to cover")

- It is difficult, to describe what is meant by “the glory which shall be revealed toward us.”\*
- But we know, we are to be glorified with Christ, to share His glory, and appear with Him in glory. \* Newell
- In Colossians 3:4 we read “When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.”

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the coming glory about to be revealed to [in] us

Interlinear

the coming glory

- The Greek structure means that this has to happen by its very nature\*
- The glory is sure but the time when it will happen is not\*
- The glory is already embodied in Christ\* \* Merryman

about to be revealed - *apokalyptō* - to uncover, unveil

- a removal of a covering
- a veil thrown over a statue and people assemble for the 'unveiling' of this work of art

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to be revealed to [in] us

- The Greek preposition *eis* can mean either "to" or "in" and probably includes both ideas here in view of the vastness of this glory. Wuest

2 Thess 1:10a when He [Christ] comes to be glorified **in His saints** on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed.

- Such passages show that not only will the saints behold Christ's glory, but, beholding, they **will share that glory**, and **be glorified with Him**. Newell

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.



- Paul broadened his view of glorification to include all of creation. Constable

the anxious longing of the creation [subject]

**anxious longing** - *apokaradokia* - a watching with outstretched head

- signifies "strained expectancy, eager longing,"
- the stretching forth of the head indicating an "expectation" of something Vine

**creation** - *ktrisis* – all of creation apart from man

- note that creation is spoken of as a person with feelings and emotion

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**waits eagerly** – *apekdechomai* - to await/expect eagerly

- the idea is that all of creation is continually waiting in expectation for what is to come
- remember in Gen 3:17b “Cursed is the ground [creation] because of you [Adam]; In toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.”
- Paul conceives of all creation as involved in the fortunes of humanity. Wuest
- So when man fell all of creation fell with him.
- So creation is pictured as a person waiting eagerly for things to be put right.
- 1 Thess 1:10a and to be **expectantly waiting** for His Son from heaven, whom He raised.

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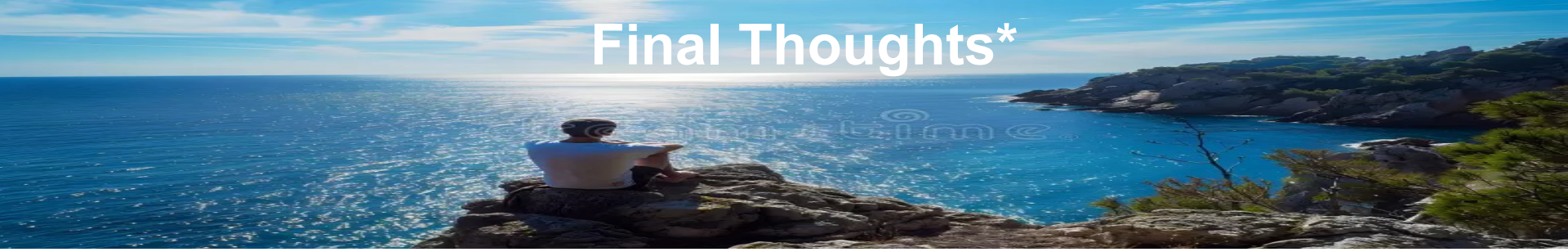
for the revealing of the sons of God

revealing - *apokalypsis* - an uncovering, laying bare

- a removal of a covering\*
- as when some wonderful statue has been completed and the veil thrown over it is **removed**\*
- Now the saints are wrapped up in the common brown paper of flesh, looking outwardly like other folks.\*
- But the whole creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of God at Christ's coming,
- for sons of God are connected with Christ, one with Him, and are to be glorified with Him at His coming.\*

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# Final Thoughts\*

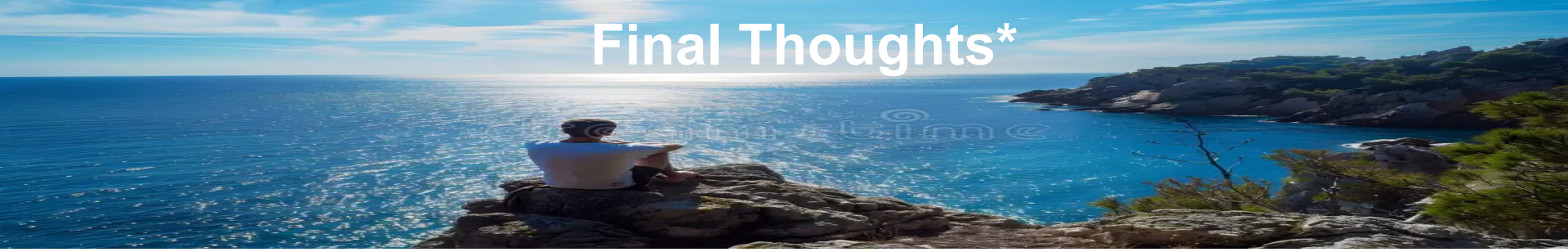


- The believers' revelation is to the creation [as if it were a person] that we are the sons of God.
- When Christ returns in His glory it's going to become apparent to the creation that we are sons of God.
- 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him**, because we will see Him just as He is.
- We shall be included in the radiance of the coming glory which will put in the shadow **the present sufferings**.

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# Final Thoughts\*



- The essential glory of God, again, it may be said that His glory is concentrated in Himself.
- It is because of what He is that **glory belongs to Him and only Him**.
- Respecting the declarative glory, furthermore, it may be stated that all His creation, as all His works, declare to a certain degree that glory.
- Essentially, the New Testament's use of the word *glory* is of **a place** and not an estate [a condition].
- God, for example, is now "bringing many sons unto **glory**" - Heb. 2:10.
- When Christ shall appear **in glory**, then shall His bride appear with Him all glorious herself (Col. 3:4).
- Doubtless **glory** is the same location as that to which Christ referred when He said in John 14:1-3, "I go to prepare **a place** for you."

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