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THE GOSPEL OF GOD

Suffering and Glory

Romans 8:17-18

¹⁷ *Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

¹⁸ *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*



How should the follower of Christ respond to suffering?

(What we should not do...)

1. We should not be surprised by it.
2. We should not doubt God.

3. We should not expect complete relief in this life.
4. We should not be merely resigned to suffering.

How should the follower of Christ respond to suffering?

(What we should do...)

1. We should see suffering as belonging to this present time.
2. We should humble ourselves and find peace and privilege in sharing the experience of our Master.
3. We should let suffering convince us of our weakness and need.
4. We should depend upon God’s Spirit to transform us—as we endure with confidence in His certain love.
5. We should let suffering move us closer to our brothers and sisters in deeper relationships.
6. We should let suffering motivate us to long for the full joy of our eternal home—and know it is “not worth comparing with the glory” we shall soon experience.