

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE  
*Romans*  
**Romans 8:18-25**  
**The Assured Hope of Future Glory**  
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**Hope: Assurance of Future Glory**

**Romans 5:1-8:39**

- A. Rom. 5:1-11 Hope: Assurance of future glory
- B. Rom. 5:12-21 Basis for assurance:  
Work of Christ
- C. Rom. 6:1-23 The problem of sin
- C. Rom. 7:1-25 The problem of the law
- B. Rom. 8:1-17 Basis for assurance:  
Work of Christ/H.S.
- A. Rom. 8:18-39 Hope: Assurance of future glory

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**Context of the Promise**

Romans 8:17 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.

Romans 8:18 **For** consider that **the sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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### The Longing for Our Glorification

Romans 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

**Sons of God:**

- Adam
- Noah
- Abraham
- Israel
- David
- Messiah
- Believers

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### The Hope of Glory

Romans 8:20-21 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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### The Hope of Resurrection Life

Romans 8:22-23 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

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### We Must Live by Faith!

Romans 8:24-25 For **in hope** we have **been saved**, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance **we wait eagerly for it.**

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### Applications

- We must understand that suffering for Christ now is worth eternal rewards later.
- We must learn to live by faith and not by sight.

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### Suffering Now Is Worth Eternal Reward

2 Cor. 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. **For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison**, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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### We Must Live by Faith, not by Sight

Habakkuk 2:2-4 Then the LORD answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and **it will not fail**. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, **it will not fail**. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; **But the righteous will live by his faith.**

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### We Must Live by Faith, not by Sight

John 17:18-20 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those **also who believe in Me through their word...**

1 Peter 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and **though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him**, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory...

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### We Must Live by Faith, not by Sight

2 Cor. 5:5-8 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—**for we walk by faith, not by sight**—we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

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