

In Romans 8:17-25 Paul encourages us with 5 truths concerning the relationship between current suffering and future glory.

- I. Present suffering is required for future glory (v. 17b).
- II. The sufferings we experience in this present age of sin and death are not comparable to our future glory (v. 18).
- III. The creation groans & longs for the revealing of the sons of God because it will then be freed from its bondage to the sin & death of this age and returned to its future glory (vs. 19-22).
- IV. Believers groan as we suffer in this age because we have tasted the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit and await our completed adoption in our future glory (v. 23).
- V. Believers are able to bear up under suffering in this age because our hope is sure concerning our future glory in the next age (vs. 24-25).