

SERMON OUTLINE Romans 8:18-39

Your Extraordinary Hope in Suffering

3 REASONS FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY HOPE IN SUFFERING:

Your present sufferings don't begin to compare with the glory that will be revealed to you when Jesus comes again (8:18-25).

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness (8:26-27).

God makes all things work together for our good (8:28-30).

3 Q&AS TO FORTIFY YOUR EXTRAORDINARY HOPE IN SUFFERING:

Q 1: *If God is for us, who can be against us? (8:31-32)*

A 1: *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

Q 2: *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? Who is to condemn? (8:33-34)*

A 2: *It is God who justifies. Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

Q 3: *Who/What shall separate us from the love of God? (8:35-39)*

A 3: *Nothing! We are more than conquerors through him who loved us!*

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In this sermon, I want to highlight from our text three reasons for you to have extraordinary hope in suffering. These reasons are rooted in the promises and truths found in Romans 8:18-39. Alongside these reasons, I want you to see three key questions and answers that fortify that hope, helping you stand firm even in the midst of trials.

The Gospel makes it abundantly clear that we truly possess an unusually great hope in Christ. He will transform us through our sufferings and ultimately bring us to glory. You can be certain of this! Because of this assurance, you have every available grace to be content in Christ, even as you endure hardship. True contentment comes when you accept your suffering and remain fixed on the hope that is yours in Christ.

This hope enables you to fight off grumbling, despair, and self-pity. Christ is truly enough to satisfy your soul. You have every reason to be filled with hope and joy, even in suffering. In this lifetime, God is with you. In the lifetime to come, because of what Christ has accomplished for you and what the Holy Spirit is presently doing in your life, you will see and savor for eternity all of God in His breathtaking beauty.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What ways have you experienced and endured sufferings or weaknesses in your life?
2. How does the promise of future glory help you endure present sufferings and weaknesses? Can you share a time when this hope sustained you?
3. In what ways does the Holy Spirit support and comfort believers during times of weakness, according to this passage?
4. What helps you accept the reality that God doesn't always remove suffering, but promises to be with you and sustain you through it?
5. Romans 8:28 says God works all things for good. How have you seen God bring about good through difficult circumstances in your life or in someone else's?
6. Why is it important to remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus? How might this assurance change your response to hardship?
7. What does it mean to be "more than conquerors" through Christ, and how does this identity shape your outlook on suffering?
8. How can suffering draw you closer to Christ and deepen your understanding of His character and love?
9. Discuss the difference between genuine hope in Christ and simply wishing for better circumstances. How does biblical hope enable you to persevere in the Faith?
10. After reflecting on this passage, what practical steps can you take to hold onto hope and encourage others who are experiencing suffering?