

HEAVENLY MINDED

Romans 8:18–25

“We have hope in the future Glory of God because of what Jesus has done and what the Spirit is doing in the lives of His people.”

1. Suffering in this world **points** us to our **eternal** hope in Jesus.
2. The promise of our **adoption** gives us hope.
3. As we **wait** for our final destination, **patience** strengthens our hope in Jesus.



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Discuss how you understand the common meaning of “hope” versus the biblical concept of hope.
2. Read Roans 8:16-18. What does “suffer with him” (Christ) mean? How does this help us understand why Christians suffer? 2 Corinthians 1:5, Philippians 3:10-11, John 16:33, Matthew 5:10-12, 2 Corinthians 1:8-11
3. How does having hope in our future glory with Jesus help us understand suffering? Think not only about your own suffering but suffering you see around you. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 5:1-2
4. How does creation groan for redemption?
5. We are adopted yet not fully realized, discuss how we are adopted and yet Paul states “we wait eagerly for adoption as sons” How do you understand this? What does “the redemption of our bodies” mean?
6. Read 8:24-25. Discuss how you understand hope in our future glory with God. Philippians 3:20-2, 2 Peter 3:13, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Revelation 21:1-4
7. Discuss patience. How does God build patience in us? Are we to be idle as we wait for our final destination? 1 Peter 1:3-9

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”