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Romans 8:18, **“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”**

Recently I noticed an email I received used “8romans18” in it’s address. This portion of scripture in Romans 8:18 is certainly worth noticing. In recent days there have been several we have known for a long time who have passed from this life to a far better home where their sufferings are over. However, they all have left a number of family and friends who mourn their passing and are left with heavy hearts. These families know the teachings of God’s word and the comfort which is found therein. Romans 8:18 draws a comparison with the sufferings of this world (mentally and physically) to the glory which will be revealed (enjoyed) in Heaven. And yet, there is really no comparison at all. Listen to Paul in II Corinthians 1:5, **“For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.”** Then, in verse 6 he says, **“And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.”** The sufferings of the Apostle Paul and the other apostles did not bring eternal peace and eternal salvation to others that were suffering. What it did bring about was comfort and a saving from disheartenment, pains, afflictions, and persecutions which God’s children were having to face in this world.

In relationship to Romans 8:18, notice what Peter said in I Peter 4:13, **“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”** The joy comes in knowing that while we may suffer greatly in this life, that there is a better time coming when suffering will cease, and there will be eternal joy, peace, and comfort for God’s children. **“He which testifieth of these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”** *Think About It!*