

Have Hope! No Matter What!

Romans 8:17-25

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"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance." (Romans 8:16-25; NKJ)

I. Have Hope! You have a Savior-God Who Knows _____!

"... if indeed we suffer with Him ..."

A. Understand the _____ you may suffer:

- You may experience suffering that is _____ to _____.
- You may experience suffering by _____.

"... your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ..." (1 Peter 5:8-11; NKJ)

- You may experience suffering because of _____.

"If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is

blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter." (1 Pet 4:14-16; NKJ)

- You may experience suffering because of your _____ in _____.

B. Consider the common _____ around suffering.

"Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?'" (John 9:1-2; NKJ)

- Secular _____ - Suffering is _____.
- _____ - Suffering means you _____ in this or a past life.
- _____ - Suffering is the _____ will of God.
- _____ - Suffering is an _____.

C. Have hope! Always _____ on the Suffering Savior.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross..." (Philippians 2:5-11; NKJ)

"He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." (Isaiah 53:3; NKJ)

"... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2; NKJ)