

Romans 8:18-25

18. "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.**"

- **II Corinthians 4:17** "For our light _____ (suffering), which is but for a _____, is working for us as far more exceeding and _____ weight of _____."
- **Philippians 1:29** "For to _____ it has been _____ on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to _____ for His sake."
- **James 1:2-4 & 12** "My brethren, count it all _____ when you fall into various _____, knowing that the _____ of your faith produces _____. But let _____ have its perfect work, that you may be _____ and _____, lacking nothing." (Verse 12) "Blessed is the man who endures _____ (TESTING, SUFFERING); for when he has been proved, he will receive the _____ of life (reward in heaven) which the Lord has promised to those who _____ Him."
- **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that in _____ you may have _____. In the world you will have _____ (suffering); but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
- **Philippians 3:10** "That I may _____ and the power of His _____, and fellowship of His _____, being conformed to His death."
- **I Peter 4:13 & 19** "But rejoice to the extent that you partake (share) of Christ's _____, that when His _____ is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding _____." "Therefore, let those who _____ according to the _____ of _____ commit their _____ to Him in doing good, as to a faithful _____."

Definition: "GLORY which shall be REVEALED IN US" - When the whole church of Jesus Christ is gathered in heaven, we will receive our rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ, we will partake of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and we will be REVEALED to all of CREATION as being the high point and CULMINATION of God's grace."

- **Ephesians 2:6-7** "And raised us up together, and has made us to _____ together in _____ places _____ Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come, He might _____ the exceeding riches of His _____ in His kindness towards _____ in Christ Jesus."
- **Colossians 3:4** "When Christ who is our life _____, then _____ also will appear with _____ in _____."
- **Jude 24** "Now to Him who is able to _____ you from _____, and to _____ you _____ before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior"
- **Revelation 19:6-9** "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let _____ be _____ and _____ and give Him _____, for the _____ of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the _____ of the saints. Then he said to me, 'Write: ' _____ are those who are called to the marriage _____ of the _____!' And he said to me, 'These are the true sayings of God.'"

19. "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **REVEALING of the sons of God.**"

- **Colossians 3:4** "When Christ who is our life _____, then also will _____ with Him in _____."
- **Luke 17:30** "Even so will it be in the _____ when the Son of Man is _____."

- **II Thessalonians 1:7** "And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is _____ from _____ with His mighty _____."
- **I Thessalonians 3:13** "So that He may establish your hearts _____ in _____ before our God and Father at the _____ of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His _____."

Definition: "REVEALING of the SONS of God" - When we RULE and REIGN with Jesus Christ, and the Church is REVEALED to the angels and all of creation as God's crowning achievement.

- **I Corinthians 6:2-3** "Do you not know that the _____ will _____ the _____? And if the world will be _____ by _____, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that _____ shall judge _____? How much more things that pertain to this life?"

20. "For the **CREATION was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope."

- **Genesis 3:17-19** "Then to Adam He said, 'Because you have heeded (listened to) the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, ' You shall NOT eat of it: ' _____ is the _____ for your sake (because of what you have done); in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both _____ and _____ it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.' "

21-22. "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."

- **Read II Peter 3:7-13** "But the _____ and the _____ which now exist are kept in store by the same word, reserved for fire until the _____ of _____ and perdition of ungodly men." (Verses 10) "But the _____ of the _____ will come as a thief in the night, in which the _____ will pass away with a great noise, and the _____ will _____ with fervent heat; both the _____ and the works that are in it will be _____ up." (Verses 12-13) "Looking for and hastening the _____ of the _____ of _____, because of which the _____ will be _____ being on fire, and the _____ will _____ with fervent heat? Nevertheless, we, according to His _____, look for _____ heavens and a _____ in which _____ dwells."
- **Read Isaiah 65:17-25** "For behold, I _____ new _____ and a _____ _____; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind." (Verse 25) 'The _____ and the _____ shall feed together, the _____ shall eat _____ like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. _____ the shall NOT _____ nor _____ in all My holy mountain,' says the Lord."
- **Read Isaiah 11:6-9** (Verse 9) "They shall not _____ nor _____ in all My holy mountain, for the _____ shall be _____ of the _____ of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."
- **I Thessalonians 5:2-3** "For you yourselves know perfectly that the _____ of the _____ so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, ' Peace and safety!' then sudden _____ will come upon them, as _____ upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape."

Definition: "DAY OF THE LORD" - A phrase or term meaning **the return of Jesus Christ to the Earth** and the FINAL RESTORATION of all things on this planet. Usually, it INCLUDES the Thousand Year Reign of Christ (the Millennium), the FINAL JUDGMENT of men, and the REMOVAL of ALL SIN and EVIL from the Earth.

- **Acts 3:21** "Whom heaven must receive until the _____ of _____ of _____ , which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."
- **Revelation 20:6** "Blessed and _____ is he who has part in the first _____. Over such the second death (going to hell) has NO _____ , but they shall be _____ of God and of _____ and shall _____ with Him a _____ years."
- **Read Revelation 21:1-8** "And I saw a _____ and a _____ , for the first heaven and the first _____ had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the _____ New Jerusalem, coming _____ out of _____ from God, prepared as a _____ adorned for her _____ ." (Verses 4-5) "And God will _____ away every _____ from their eyes; there shall be _____ more _____ , nor sorrow, nor _____ ; and there shall be _____ more _____ , for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, ' Behold, I make _____ new.' And He said to me, ' Write, for these words are _____ and faithful.' "
- **Revelation 22:3** "And there shall be _____ more _____ , but the throne of God and of the Lamb (Jesus) shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him."

23. "And not only they, 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.**"

- **Ephesians 1:14** "Which is the guarantee (pledge) of our _____ until the _____ of the _____ possession, unto the praise of His glory."
- **I Corinthians 15:20-22 & 26** "But now Christ is _____ from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (in death). For since by _____ came _____ , by Man came also the _____ of the dead. For as in _____ all , even so in Christ all shall be made _____ ." (Verse 26) "The last _____ that will be destroyed is _____ ."
- **Philippians 3:20-21** "For our citizenship is in _____ , from which we also _____ wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will _____ our lowly _____ that it may be conformed to (made the same as) His glorious _____ , according to the working by which He is able to subdue _____ things to Himself."

Definition: "FIRSTFRUITS of the SPIRIT" - The Holy Spirit is given to us as a DOWN PAYMENT or GUARANTEE of the resurrection which is to come. In the Old Testament, the "FIRSTFRUITS" was the FIRST PART of the HARVEST, which was given to God as an offering, in FAITH that the REST OF THE HARVEST would be plentiful and good.

Definition: "REDEMPTION of our BODY" - When we receive our RESURRECTION BODY. Our SPIRIT within us is BORN AGAIN and made NEW, but we feel "naked" without the corresponding NEW SPIRITUAL BODY. (see **Genesis 3:9-11** and **I Cor. 15:35-57**)

- **II Corinthians 5:1-4** "For we know that if our _____ house, this tent (our PHYSICAL BODY), is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we _____ , earnestly desiring to be _____ with our _____ which is from _____ , if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent _____ , being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by _____ ."

24-25. "For **we were saved in this HOPE**, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one hope for what he sees? But if **we HOPE for what we do NOT SEE**, then we **EAGERLY wait for it** with perseverance."

- **Galatians 5:5** "For we through the Spirit _____ for the _____ of righteousness by faith."
- **II Corinthians 5:7** "For we walk by _____ , not by _____ ."
- **Hebrews 11:1** "Now _____ is the substance of things _____ for, the evidence of things _____ ."

Definition: "SAVED in this HOPE" - Part of our SALVATION is the promise of being with God in HEAVEN and having a perfect RESURRECTION BODY, but **we have not received it yet**. The Rapture of the Church, or the catching up of all Believers in Christ, is also called "**The Blessed Hope**."

- **Titus 2:13** "Looking for the _____ and glorious _____ of our great God and _____ Jesus Christ."
- **John 14:2-3** "In My Father's house are many _____ ; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a _____ for you. And if I go and _____ a _____ for you, I will _____ again and _____ you to Myself, that where I am, there _____ may be also."
- **Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18** (Verse 17) "Then _____ who are alive and remain shall be _____ up together with them in the _____ to meet the _____ in the air. And thus we shall _____ be with the Lord."