

# ***GOD'S GLORY, OUR GAIN***

## **ROMANS 8:17-18**

***WHETHER CONSCIOUSLY OR NOT, EVERY GENUINE CHRISTIAN LIVES IN THE LIGHT AND HOPE OF GOD'S GLORY.***

- God restricts imparting His full glory to us while we are here in these mortal bodies and imperfection.
- The various pieces of our salvation experience of which the Bible speaks—such as regeneration, new birth, justification, sanctification, and glorification—can be distinguished as unique, but never separated.

# ***SALVATION: A TO Z***

**All these Biblical truths** are inextricably woven into the seamless fabric of God's plan of salvation.

- There can therefore be no loss of any of the work of salvation between redemption and justification all the way to full sanctification and glorification.
- Justification is the beginning of salvation and glorification is its completion.

***AND ALL ALONG THE WAY THE HOLY SPIRIT TAKES US  
FROM ONE LEVEL OF GLORY TO ANOTHER.***

# 1. THE HEIRS OF HIS GLORY v. 17a

THE EMPHASIS IN **ROMANS 8:17-18** ON BELIEVERS' GLORY IS CLOSELY RELATED TO OUR ADOPTION AS GOD'S CHILDREN (from the last study).

- In other words, in the future, when we are fully glorified, we get all of Abba Father's riches as well!
- "All believers" have the leading of the Holy Spirit (v. 14) and His witness (v. 17) that we are indeed children of God; we are thereby **heirs to the King's kingdom**.

## 2. THE SOURCE OF OUR FUTURE GLORY v. 17b

The source of our incomparable glory is **God**, our heavenly Father, who has adopted us as His own children, and thereby we are **heirs**.

- This inheritance is only **God's to give**.
- The value of an inheritance is determined by the worth of the **ONE WHO BEQUEATHS IT**.
- **GOD** not only is the source of our inheritance, but **HE HIMSELF IS OUR INHERITANCE**.

### 3. THE SCALE OF OUR FUTURE GLORY v. 17c

Many of us are heirs of those who have very little to bequeath in earthly possessions, and our human inheritance will amount to little or nothing.

- God has appointed Jesus Christ the “*heir of all things*” (**HEB. 1:2**), and because we are *fellow heirs* with Him, we are destined to receive all that He receives!
- We believe that our true citizenship is in heaven (**PHIL. 3:20**) and that our inheritance is a promise of God (**HEB. 6:12**); it’s made up of the heavenly not the earthly.

## 4. THE ONGOING PROOF OF OUR FUTURE GLORY v. 17d

Many of God's promises are not "*positive*." In fact, we are promised not a smooth path, but a rocky road!

- In other words, because *we suffer with Him*, we know that we will *also be glorified with Him*.
- The present world system is controlled by Satan, so the world hates God and God's kids. **SUFFERING** is an integral part of the process of spiritual maturity, as experienced by **PAUL (2 COR. 4:8-11)** and **JESUS (JOHN 15:18-21)**.

## **5. A COMPARISON OF OUR FUTURE GLORY v. 18**

Paul does not merely suggest, but strongly affirms, that any suffering for Christ's sake is a small price to pay for the gracious benefits received because of that suffering.

- Jesus offers an infinite R.O.I—He offers us His riches of heaven for our poverty of hell.

***GOD'S GLORY WILL ONE DAY BE OUR GAIN!***