

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**



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# ROMANS 8:14-17

## New Status—Abundant Blessings.

1. The Spirit leads you. (v. 14)
2. You are adopted as sons. (v. 15)
3. You can cry out “Abba Father.” (v. 15)
4. The Spirit testifies on your behalf. (v. 16)
5. You are a child of God and heir (v. 17)
6. Suffering is all part of it! (v. 17)

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- 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
- 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.





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# JESUS WARNED US...

Matthew 10:24-25 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. “It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household!”

John 15:20-21 “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. “But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.”





# WHAT THE WORLD THINKS OF GOD

THE REAL GOD...NOT THE GOD OF THEIR MAKING.

Rom. 1:21 For even though they knew God,  
they did not honor Him as God or give thanks.....

Rom.1:23 “and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible  
God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of  
birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

Rom.1:25 “For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and  
worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is  
blessed forever. Amen.”

Rom. 1:28 “And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God  
any longer.”

Rom. 1:30 “Haters of God.”





## APOSTLE PAUL TELLS TIMOTHY

2 Timothy 3:10-12 "Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me! **Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**

- He also had to flee Damascus, Thessalonica, and Berea.





# PAYING THE PRICE

Hebrews 11:35-38



“..and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mocking's and scourging's, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.”



# GOOD QUOTE

“The language is vividly descriptive of the savage indignities and severe hardships which men and women of faith have been willing to endure rather than deny the truth by which they have been liberated.

It depicts, moreover, the fierce hatred of the unbelieving world in its guilty hostility to the truth as it ruthlessly hunts and assaults those whose trust is in the immutability of the divine promises. Rejecting the world they are ejected by the world. For their refusal to conform to this worlds fallen standards the world attempts to eliminate them and their witness.”

Philip Edgcumbe Hughes.  
Commentary on Hebrews. p 515





# 4 WAYS WE MIGHT 'SUFFER'

- 1) Internally
- 2) Externally
- 3) Spiritually
- 4) Physically





# PEACE ON EARTH?

Matt 10:34-39 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. “For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. “He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.





# PEACE ON EARTH?

Luke 12:51-53 “Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.

“They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”





# YOUNGER PEOPLE KEEP YOUR CHIN UP



“In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:6-9



# 1 PETER 4:12-14



“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.”



## MORE RESPECT FOR LOT...



2 Peter 2:7-8 “And if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds),”



## SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE



“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.” Ephesians 6:12-13



# 4 WAYS WE MIGHT 'SUFFER'

- 1) Internal
- 2) External
- 3) Spiritual
- 4) Physical





# PAUL'S SUFFERINGS

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23FF

"In far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes.

"Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches."





# BLESSINGS OUTWEIGH THE COST



2 Cor. 4:16-18 “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing **for** us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”



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# SOME HELPS IN THE SUFFERING



1. Stay close to the Lord. Remember His promises.
2. Know what Scripture says!
3. Don't forsake the assembling with Christians.
4. Band together, stay together, pray for one another.
5. Realize that this world is not your home.



## C.H. SPURGEON

“Doth that man love his Lord who would be willing to see Jesus wearing a crown of thorns, while for himself he raves a chaplet of laurel? Shall Jesus ascend to his throne by the cross, and do we expect to be carried there on the shoulders of applauding crowds? Be not so vain in your imagination. Count you the cost, and if you are not willing to bear Christ’s cross, go away to your farm and to your merchandise, and make the most of them; only let me whisper this in your hear, “What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

C. H. Spurgeon. “Holding Fast the Faith”  
Preached Feb 5, 1888

