

Romans 8:18-19 (NLT)

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will reveal to us later. ¹⁹ For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are.

Romans 8:20-21 (NLT)

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, ²¹ the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

Romans 8:22-23 (NLT)

For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory...

Romans 8:23 (NLT)

...for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

WAITING Patiently and Eagerly

Romans 8:18-25

8:15 For you did **NOT** receive the
spirit of slavery leading again to fear,
but you received the **Spirit of ADOPTION,**
by whom we cry, **Abba, Father.**

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears **WITNESS** to
our spirit that **we ARE God's children.**

(NET)

8:17 Now **if we are children**,
then we are heirs - heirs of God and
co-heirs with Christ,
IF indeed we share in His sufferings
in order that we may also share in His glory.

Isaiah 65:17 (NIV)

...I will **CREATE new heavens and a new earth**. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

When God's program of salvation for people is completed and the children of God together **experience their glorious freedom** from sin, Satan, and physical decay, then **the Creation itself will be liberated from its BONDAGE to DECAY.**

→ The GLORY that is Coming cannot COMPARE to our Current Suffering

¹⁸ Yet what we suffer now is nothing COMPARED to the glory

He will reveal to us later. (NLT)

1 John 3:2 (NIV)

...when **He appears**,
we shall be **LIKE Him**,
for **we shall see Him as He IS.**

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (NIV)

...we **DO NOT** lose heart. Though **outwardly**
we are wasting away, yet **INWARDLY**
we are **being RENEWED** day by day.

¹⁷ For our **light and momentary troubles** are
achieving for us an **eternal glory** that far
OUTWEIGHS them **ALL**.

2 Corinthians 5:1-2 (HCS)

...we **GROAN** in this **body**, desiring
to **put on our dwelling** from heaven...

² ...we **long to put on our heavenly bodies**
like new clothing. (NLT)

Our lives consist of groans. We groan because of the ravages that sin makes in our lives, and in the lives of those we love. Also we groan because we see possibilities that are not being captured and employed. And then we groan because we see gifted people who waste their lives.

...So we **groan** in our spirits, we groan in disappointment, we groan in bereavement, we groan in sorrow. We groan physically in our pain and our limitation. In life there is a lot of groaning.

Steadman

The New Testament word for **HOPE**
contains **NO uncertainty**;
it speaks of something that is
CERTAIN, but not yet realized.

MacArthur

→ This World is NOT Our HOME

²³ ...We, too, **wait with eager hope** for the **DAY** when God will give us our full rights as **His adopted children**, including the new bodies He has promised us. ²⁴ We were given this **HOPE** when we were saved... (NLT)

1 Peter 1:1

...God's chosen people who are **living
as foreigners**... (NLT)

¹...**temporary residents**... (HCS)

2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as
Aliens and Strangers in the world... (NIV)

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

- ¹¹ For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to ALL men.
- ¹² It teaches us to **say NO to ungodliness** and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and **godly lives** in this present age,

13 while we WAIT for the BLESSED HOPE

- the glorious appearing of our great God
and Savior, Jesus Christ,

14 who gave Himself for us to REDEEM

us from all wickedness and to purify for
Himself a people that are His very own,

EAGER to do what is GOOD.

→ We Must WAIT Eagerly and Expectantly for Jesus to RETURN

²⁵ But if we **HOPE** for what we do **NOT** yet have, we **WAIT** for it **PATIENTLY.**

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yet inwardly we are being renewed
day by day.

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are achieving for us an **eternal glory**
that **far OUTWEIGHS** them all.

18 So we **fix our eyes NOT** on what is **seen**, but on **what is UNSEEN**.

For what is seen is temporary, but **what is unseen is ETERNAL**.

Hebrews 12:3 (ESV)

Consider Him who endured from sinners such **HOSTILITY** against Himself, so that you may **NOT** grow **weary** or **fainthearted**.