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Intro: No one is exempt from the issue of suffering and death.

To persevere in suffering we need to keep our focus on our future hope.

Everyone dies, but that's not the end of our existence, **1 Cor. 15:12-20.**

If we are resurrected to a future glory, then we should always be abounding in the work of the Lord, **1 Cor. 15:58.**

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I. The Present Time is Marked by Suffering Because of Mans’ Fall Into Sin.

- 1.** The whole creation suffers due to the Fall, **vs 19-22.**
 - a.** The text assumes that God is the creator of all,
 - b.** Fallen creation still bears witness to God’s majesty, **Ps. 19:1ff**
- 2.** All believers suffer because of the Fall, **2 Cor.11:23-28.**
- 3.** We need to think biblically about suffering,
 - a.** Our present sufferings are temporary, **vs 18.**
 - b.** The weight of glory is greater than our suffering, **2 Cor. 4:16-18.**

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I. The Present Time is Marked by Suffering Because of Mans’ Fall Into Sin.

- c.** Our future glory is absolutely certain,
- d.** We are conformed to Christ’s image thru suffering,

4. Suffering does not deny God’s plan through it.
God is moving history towards a goal that includes our future glory.

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II. The Future will be marked by Glory for believers.

A. Future glory is not totally revealed to us yet, **Col. 3:4,**
2 Thess. 2:14.

Glory includes all the unfathomable riches of Christ,
Eph. 3:8.

B. Future glory includes the full renewal of creation.

C. Future glory includes our freedom from sin's presence
and our redeemed bodies,

D. Future Glory is guaranteed by the possession of the
Holy Spirit.

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The Practical Conclusion

Our salvation includes hope because we don't receive it all in this life.

Our hope is certain due to the promises of God. He can't lie.

The key to persevering through suffering is to keep your eyes on the prize, our promised future glory.