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Topic: Called to Glory

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1Peter 5:10-11 *“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.”*

The time when this book was written the church was being persecuted, and Peter wrote this epistle to encourage the saints to persevere despite the persecutions. Throughout the epistle Peter illustrates the sufferings that the church went through;

1Peter 1:7 *“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”*

1Peter 4:12-13 *“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing has happened to you. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”*

From the text (1Peter 5:10-11) we get the following points.

- We are called unto glory.
- We are called unto God’s glory
- We are called unto God’s eternal glory.
 - His eternal glory is beyond verbal expression.
 - Understanding this call will allow us to stand up for the truth even in our suffering.
 - It gives us a sense of purpose that out-weighs the present suffering.

- We are called to God’s eternal glory by Jesus Christ.

How great is this glory? Flesh and blood cannot stand in the glory of God. In heaven the glory of God will be ever present and only God knows the awesomeness of this Glory.

We are called unto God’s glory through Jesus Christ

If you feel unworthy to experience this glory think about the person that made this glory possible for us and what he went through on this earth for us.

Through Christ we are;

- Saved.
- We can walk right.
- We are called to glory.

He did not call us to;

- Shame and misery.
- To death and decadence.
- To be troubled, confused and frustrated.

If you understand this purpose lift up your heads, put a pep in your step and walk with the, don’t let sin hold you back.

The pathway to God's glory is suffering.

It is important that you understand that suffering is necessary on the pathway to glory. It is also important that you understand that your suffering is minute when compared to the glory that shall be revealed at the end.

2Corinthians 4 :17 *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”.*

Romans 8:18 *“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”.*

Suffering is not accidental (there are consequences to the call of God). It is not circumstantial, it is not coincidental. It is ordained by God, it is a part of the procedure. This is what God uses to perfect us. He allows us to go through these suffering to refine us.

Acts 14:21-22 *“And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, ²²Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”*

The bible refers to our present suffering as groaning.

Romans 8:23 *“And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body”.*

2 Corinthians 5:2 *“For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:”*

2 Corinthians 5:4 *“For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life”.*

All our suffering here can be considered groaning. The groaning is only temporary but after the groaning comes the glory.