



THE THRILL OF  
**HOPE**

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## The Hope of Glory

Romans 8:18-30

In Christ, the best is yet to come.

- Our present suffering is temporary, but the future glory is eternal (8:18).
- All of creation is looking forward to the final chapter of the story (8:19-22).
- The firstfruits of the Spirit is a foretaste of our future family (8:23).
- Salvation is a present reality with a future fulfillment (8:24-25).
- The Spirit empowers us to patience and perseverance (8:26-27).
- Our heavenly Father is orchestrating the ultimate good for His children (8:28).
- Future glory = Christ-likeness, eternal life, and the presence of our Lord (8:29-30).

### Memory Verse:

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28

**Other Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:17; Colossians 1:27; Romans 5:1-2; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 5:10; Ephesians 1:14

### Further Study:

**Read:** Romans 8:18-30 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

### Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

### Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.