

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” *Romans 1:18-20 (ESV)*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.” *Matthew 25:31-33 (ESV)*

“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” *Matthew 25:46 (ESV)*

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”  
*Romans 8:16-17 (ESV)*

## 1. God calls His children to lead a life of \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility and \_\_\_\_\_ significance.

“And he said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.’”  
*Luke 9:23-24 (ESV)*

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now...”

“...And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.” *Romans 8:18-24a (ESV)*

## 2. All suffering in this life will seem like \_\_\_\_\_ compared with eternal reward.

“Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”  
*Romans 8:24b-27 (ESV)*

### *Our Hope in His Promises:*

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| 1) United with God, in His presence | 5) No evil or sin or temptation   |
| 2) New bodies and live forever      | 6) Surrounded by wonderful people |
| 3) New heavens and earth            | 7) Wonderful things to do         |
| 4) No pain or sadness or injustice  | 8) In comfort and rest            |

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.” *Romans 8:28-30 (ESV)*

## 3. Our joy today, even in suffering, grows from \_\_\_\_\_ hope in \_\_\_\_\_ glory.

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” *2 Peter 1:16 (ESV)*