

Introduction followed by the Outline.

1A SUFFERING LEADING TO GLORY, v18 | Suffering giving way to *unparalleled* glory

Our present suffering as children of God leads to future glory in Christ

1B Our future glory will be immeasurably greater than our present circumstances, v18a

- Because of our union with Christ
- Because of the total destruction of all that causes us to suffer
 - the suffering we experience *externally* from anti-Christian foes
 - the suffering we experience *internally* from remnant of sins within us

2B Our future glory will be immeasurably greater than our present condition, v18b

- Because Christ's glory will be revealed "in" us not just "to" us

2A BONDAGE LEADING TO LIBERTY, vv19-22 | Bondage giving way to *unparalleled* liberty

Our present bondage as children of God leads to future liberty in Christ

1B Our future liberty will be immeasurably greater than our present circumstances, vv19-20

- All creation waits for the Day our future glory is revealed

2B Our future liberty will be immeasurably greater because of the hope that is given, vv21-22

- All creation was subjected to futility (uselessness) because of Adam's sin
- Yet, creation was also subjected in hope of God's ultimate redemption at Christ's return

3A PROGRESS LEADING TO PERFECTION, vv23-25 | Progress giving way to *permanent* perfection

Our present sanctification as children of God leads to a future & complete sanctification in Christ

1B Progress is being made in our present sanctification, v23a

2B Completion will happen in our future sanctification, v23b

3B So, we patiently endure until our sanctification is complete, vv24-25

4A PURPOSE LEADING TO FULFILLMENT, vv26-30

God's purpose for His children, saved by sovereign grace, is to perfect & glorify them in Christ

1B Our weaknesses overcome by the Spirit's continual intercession, vv26-27

2B The Lord making all things work together for our good, v28

3B God's eternal purpose for His regenerate children described, v29

4B God's eternal purpose evidenced in His redemptive actions in time, v30