

July 26, 2020 | Pastor Greg Davidson
“How God Explains My Pain and Suffering”
Romans 8:18-25

I. **The Reason for Suffering**

- A. God’s Grace in Suffering (vs 18a)
- B. God’s Glory in Suffering (vs 18b)
 - 1. Christians Suffering Because there is sin in the world
 - 2. Christians Suffering because of unrepented sin (Heb.12:5-11)
 - 3. Christians Suffering develops brokenness and Christlikeness (Job. 23:10; I Pt. 4:12-16)
 - 4. Christian’s Suffering increases their reward (II Timothy 2:12)
 - 5. Christians Suffering increases their faith (I Peter 1:6-7)
 - 6. Christian’s Suffering increases our patience (James 1:2-4)
 - 7. Christian’s Suffering teaches us gratitude (I Thess. 5:18)

II. **The Rainbow of Suffering**

- A. The Rainbow of Expectation (vs19)
- B. The Rainbow of Hope (vs 20)
- C. The Rainbow of Rescue (vs 21)

III. **The Reality of Suffering**

- A. The Pain of Suffering (vs 22)
- B. The Perfection of Suffering (vs 23)
- C. The Perseverance of Suffering (vs 24-25)

From Suffering to Glory (Romans 8:18-25)

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.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of [a]corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?