

# sermon notes

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Wholly Redeemed | “The Audacity of Hope” | **Romans 8:18-25**

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## Four things that Christians should put their hope in:

1. Our future \_\_\_\_\_  
(8:18)
2. Our unveiling as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(8:19-21)
3. Our renewed, incorruptible \_\_\_\_\_  
(8:22-23)
4. Our faith becoming \_\_\_\_\_  
(8:24-25)

## Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Paul says in Romans 8:18 that our present sufferings can’t compare to our future glory. What is our future glory going to look like? What glimpses of that future do we see in the Bible (cf. Dan 12:2; 1 Cor 15:35-58; Phil 3:20-21; Col 3:4; Rev 21:1-8; 22:1-5)?

### GET PERSONAL

Are you ever tempted to think (like Belinda Carlisle) that “heaven is a place on earth”? What reminders has God given you that this world is not your ultimate home?

Paul says in Romans 8:25 that we hope for something that we don’t see. What is our future hope that we don’t currently see? Why does Paul say we wait for it with patience? Why is patience required? Is our hope in the future based upon blind faith? What assurances do we have that God will bring about what he promises?

What’s the difference between “groaning” and “grumbling”? Give a personal example of a time when you groaned inwardly waiting “eagerly for adoption as sons”? When does groaning become grumbling? Interact with the following statement: “Groaning is how people suffer with hope. Grumbling is how people suffer without hope.”

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Make a list of the sufferings we experience in this world that we will never experience again in eternity. Which things on that list are you most excited about saying goodbye to forever? Take a moment to pray and thank God for both the sufferings that you have experienced in this world and the hope that you have for the future.

### ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Watch the following interview of Joni Eareckson Tada by Marvin Olasky:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtRQoRcn5AA>

How did God use the tragedy in Tada’s life for something good? What is Tada’s hope for the future? How does that hope for the future impact her daily life now? How should your hope for the future impact your life right now?