

PATIENT IN HOPE

May 17, 2020 Romans 8:18-27

This week I got frustrated when my electric toothbrush broke. I am blown away by the big picture the apostle Paul gives us in Romans 8:18-27. **“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”** **How can you be patient in hope?**

1. What is hope? My hope is in the Lord Almighty!

- We consider hope as something that is uncertain, that might not happen. That’s not biblical hope. Look at Romans 8:24-25.
- “But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. C.S. Lewis said we live in the Shadowlands.

2. Hindrances to keeping your Hope Strong

- Suffering, if you focus on yourself. 8:18 Thank God for pain.
- Frustration. Romans 8:20
- Bondage, decay and deterioration. Romans 8:21
- Groaning like you’re having a baby. Romans 8:22-23
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you (with groans). Romans 8:26-27

3. Glorious Promises to give you a hope boost

- The best is yet to come. Romans 8:18, I Cor. 2:9
- Ask God’s glory to be made manifest in you. Phil. 1:21, Col. 1:27
- “The firstfruits of the Spirit.” Romans 8:23,26-27
- The redemption of our bodies. Romans 8:23
- The renewal of all creation. Romans 8:21 Rev. 21:5, “I am making everything new.” Isaiah 11:6-9
- “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...” Ephesians 3:20-21