

## SUFFERING AND GLORY

**1 Peter 5: 1-4**

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 8th Day of Lent

1 Peter 5: 1a; ...and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed ...

A friend of mine struggled with a serious illness in the early stages of his life. He could not see the reason he was afflicted with a life threatening disease. During his recovery, God opened his eyes to see the God given plan for his life. As my friend found physical healing he also trusted in Jesus Christ for spiritual healing and grew in the grace and knowledge of God.

Peter, the Apostle, writes about this life transformation in this scripture. Gradually, as Peter witnessed the life of Christ, there came the knowledge that all of Christ's life – including Christ's sufferings – were his with Christ. As followers of Christ we must also know that the Lord is with us in the midst of our pain.

As Peter beheld the glory of Christ he came to realize that the sufferings of this present time are temporary compared to the majestic, eternal glory of God. The beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ will be revealed through his followers made in His likeness, to reign with Him forever, disclosing his love and grace, and reflecting His glory.

**Prayer:** Thank you Jesus, for coming into this world and revealing the grace and love of God to us. Help us in our lives to use this gift for Your glory. Amen.

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