

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though **outwardly we are wasting away**, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For **our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all**. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is **TEMPORARY**, but what is unseen is **ETERNAL** (2 Cor 4:16-18).

I consider that **our present sufferings** are not worth comparing with the **glory that will be revealed in us**. (Rom 8:18)

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to **suffer** for him, (Phil 1:29)

\* IMPORTANT FOR ALL CHRISTIANS! Because our days are dark but will get MUCH DARKER - PLEASE **think big picture with eternity in mind**. IF you don't, and only focus on the here and now, you will quickly get discouraged as things will go from bad to worse and horrible!

\* Also, with **EVERY passing hour, the overcomers are that much closer to PARADISE and "home"**. **PATIENTLY ENDURE and REMAIN FAITHFUL TO JESUS to the END**. Do NOT take the Mark (Rev. 14:9-12).

And the devil, who deceived them, was **thrown into the lake of burning sulfur**, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. **They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever**. (Rev 20:10)

But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. **With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur**. (Rev 19:20)

This calls for **patient endurance** on the part of the saints who **obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus**. (Rev 14:12)

If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for **patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints**. (Rev 13:10)

**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul**. Rather, **be afraid of the One** who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Mat 10:28)

But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. (Mat 10:33)

If anyone is **ashamed of me and my words**, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. (Luke 9:26)

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the **tree of life**, which is in **THE PARADISE OF GOD**. (Rev 2:7)

For if you **forgive men when they sin against you**, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Mat 6:14,15)

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **REJOICING because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the name**. Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they NEVER STOPPED teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. (Acts 5:41,42)

But the **cowardly**, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--**their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur**. This is the second death. (Rev 21:8)

Death for the pure in heart is **gain** (Phil 1:21); is **better by far** (Phil 1:23) and would prefer to be away from the body and at **home with the Lord** (2 Cor 5:8).

They overcame him by **the blood of the Lamb** and by **the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death**. (Rev 12:11)