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JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST

Romans 8:16-17 says, ***“...that we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs... joint heirs with Christ... if so be that we suffer with him (so) that we may be also glorified together (with Him).”***

An heir stands to inherit the estate. Jesus' inheritance is all heaven and earth. He has been glorified by His Father. We stand to share in that glory together with Him.

There is a caveat added that says, ***“if so be that we suffer with Him... ”***.

Helen has recently been teaching in our broadcast sessions about our “fellowship of His sufferings.”

In our Lord's prayer in John 17:4-5, Jesus spoke of being glorified as a result of His suffering for the redemptive work here on earth. As followers of Jesus, we must also faithfully endure the present suffering in this physical world so as to be eternally glorified with Him.

Nobody has legitimately claimed that this life is a “cake walk.” We all have our moments of challenge or difficulty at times, and much more for some people than for others. But we must patiently “run the race of life” to the end. John 8:18 then tells us, ***“that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”*** for all eternity.

As the old gospel song says, “It will be worth it all when we see Jesus. Life's trials will seem so small... “. No matter what we go through, our inheritance will far outweigh anything good or bad on earth.