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*-“By suffering in fellowship with Christ, we can be confident of enjoying the glory that He has already won.”*

*-“We need to commit ourselves to doing what is right when we face suffering,” and not allow suffering to be an excuse to sin*

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*3. Christians can be encouraged even in the midst of suffering because (vs. 10):*

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*-Trials are for a little while, but the glory that awaits us is eternal. Suffering and glory are linked for believers as they were for Jesus.*

*-God , through suffering, makes us complete, useful to Him*

*-God, through suffering, tempers us strengthening us so we can stand fast*

*-God, through suffering, will firm up our faith*

*-God, through suffering, will anchor us, setting us on a foundation that cannot be shaken. (see also Matthew 7:24-27)*

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