

**TRANSFORMING SUFFERING INTO
UNSPEAKABLE JOY**
{TRIBULATION AND TRIUMPH THROUGH ENDURANCE}
2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-18

1. Suffering is in our lot, but His power is too. vs. 7

2. Yes, we suffer for the Gospel. vss. 8-9
 - A. We are painted in but never covered up. vs. 8a
 - B. We are at our wits end, but never at our hopes end. vs. 8b
 - C. We are persecuted by men, but never abandoned by God. vs. 9a
 - D. We are knocked down, but never out. vs. 9b

3. Without the suffering of the cross, there would be no crown. vss. 10-12
 - A. We are dying to live. vss. 10-12; Matt. 16:24-26; Gal. 2:19-20

4. What keeps us from fainting and sinking under sufferings? vss. 13-18
 - A. Faith keeps us from fainting. vs. 13
 - B. Hope of the resurrection keeps us from fainting.
 - C. Consideration of the benefit of the church keeps us from fainting.
vs. 15
 - D. The soul gains strength day by day and this keeps us from fainting.
vs. 16
 - E. The prospect of the bliss of eternal life keeps us from fainting.
vss. 17-18