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SCRIPTURE TEXT: Romans 8:15-18 MSG

SUBJECT: "Suffering Then Shouting"

Introduction: Our text for today comes from the Holy Ghost inspired hand of the great Apostle Paul.

As we explore the text for consideration, Paul defines the end result of God's redeeming arrangement is that believers may be conformed to the image of His Son.

This is mankind's highest dignity and greatest felicity or happiness, to be like Jesus.

I believe it would be safe to say that there are four stages of progression for believers on this Christian journey:

- The likeness begins in **justification** – wherein we are conformed to Christlikeness.
- It is particularly formed in **regeneration** – by which we become partakers of God's divine nature.
- It is progressively carried on in **sanctification** – as we are thus changed in Christ's image from earth to glory.
- It is completed in **glorification** – where we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

Sermon Points

Major Moment: As Christians if we are to be conformed to Christ's glorifying image, need we wonder that as believers we should be called to partake in the fellowship of Jesus's suffering.

- **Even Believers Suffer**
 - Romans 8:17b
 - Matthew 5:45
 - Second Timothy 2:12
- **Some Things Believers Suffer**
 - First Timothy 6:10
 - Matthew 6:19 & 21
 - Romans 7:19 & 21
 - Philippians 4:11
- **One Day Believers Will Shout Troubles Over**
 - Romans 8:18

Summary Verse: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." **First John 3:2**