

# SUFFERING IS NOT VAIN, DEATH IS NOT THE END

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## KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Romans 5:1-5](#)
- [Philippians 3:17-19](#)
- [John 12:25](#)
- [Romans 6:5-11](#)
- [Hebrews 2:14-15](#)
- [Psalm 116:15](#)
- [Job 1:1-3](#); [42:10-15](#)

## KEY POINTS

- Good Friday is the best example of suffering and death yielding good results.
- Hope is the positive expectation of good things to come, namely God's promises.
- Materialism has caused us to be too beaten, blinded, and busied to embrace eternity.
- Taking up your cross daily prepares you to meet your end with dignity and hope.
- Object permanence... passing away does not equal ceasing to exist.
  - In the mind of God (unconscious eternity) [Jeremiah 1:5](#); [Psalm 139:16](#)
  - At conception in the mother's womb
  - Into the world
  - In Christ
  - In Heaven (conscious eternity)

## DISCUSSION

1. How is God using suffering and/or death to produce good in your life?
2. Where are the strongholds of materialism that hinder your walk with Jesus?
3. Are you certain you are going to Heaven?