

Elementary Children's Church

Lesson 25

Part 3 - The Holy Spirit Working in Us Through Sufferings

3. **John 14:16-18**: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

This is Jesus speaking to His disciples about His soon departure and that he will not leave them comfortless. The Holy Spirit comforts us with the hope of being with Jesus. The Holy Spirit comforts us when tragic events happen in our lives that bring us pain and sorrow. The comforter (the Holy Spirit) lets us know the plan of joint sufferings with Jesus Christ so we will someday jointly reign.

2 Timothy 2:12: "If we **suffer**, we shall also **reign** with [him]." We do not suffer as they have no hope, but we suffer for a specific purpose: for grace, love, and faith in Jesus to grow and reign in us. In order to reign with Christ we must allow the sufferings. **Romans 8:17**: "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we **suffer** with [him], that we may be also glorified **together**." But always remember, **Romans 8:18**: "For I reckon that the **sufferings** of this present time [are] not **worthy** [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us." There is nothing that could even compare with His glory in us. It is worth it all. This is known as the "race course": the course of life's experiences we must go through and overcome in His love for us to finish with joy. A life of "I'm glad I did". All by grace.