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" . . . receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow." (1 Peter 1:9-11)

All Bible prophecy concerning the Lord Jesus Christ is summarized in this little sentence: "The sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." Here Peter connects Christ's first coming (the sufferings) with His second coming (the glory). This, in a nutshell, is a panorama of the purpose, plan, and program of Almighty God. Note this beautiful outline as we trace it through the Word of God:

- A. **The suffering**—A Baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes (Luke 2:12).
The glory—A King, clothed in majestic apparel (Psa. 93:1).
- B. **The suffering**—He was the wearied traveler (John. 4:6).
The glory—He will be the untiring God (Isa. 40:28-29).
- C. **The suffering**—He had nowhere to lay His head (Luke 9:58).
The glory—He will become heir to all things (Heb. 1:2).
- D. **The suffering**—He was rejected by Israel (John 1:11).
The glory—He will be accepted by all the nations (Isa. 9:6).
- E. **The suffering**—Wicked people took up stones to throw at Him (John 8:59).
The glory—Wicked people will cry for stones to fall upon them to hide them from Him (Rev. 6:16).
- F. **The suffering**—A lowly Savior, acquainted with grief (Isa. 53:3).
The glory—The mighty God, anointed with the oil of gladness (Heb. 1:9).
- G. **The suffering**—He was clothed with a scarlet robe in mockery (Luke 23:11).
The glory—He will be clothed with a vesture dipped in the blood of His enemies (Rev. 19:13).
- H. **The suffering**—He was smitten with a reed (Matt. 27:30).
The glory—He will rule the nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15).
- I. **The suffering**—Wicked soldiers bowed their knees and mocked (Mark 15:19).
The glory—Every knee shall bow and acknowledge Him (Phil. 2:10).
- J. **The suffering**—He wore the crown of thorns (John 19:5).
The glory—He will wear the crown of gold (Rev. 14:14).
- K. **The suffering**—His hands were pierced with nails (John 20:25).
The glory—His hands will carry a sharp sickle (Rev. 14:14).
- L. **The suffering**—His feet were pierced with nails (Psa. 22:16).

The glory—His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4).

M. **The suffering**—He had no form or comeliness (Isa. 53:2).

The glory—He will be beautiful (Psa. 27:4).

N. **The suffering**—He delivered up His Spirit (John 19:30).

The glory—He is alive forevermore (Rev. 1:18).

O. **The suffering**—He was laid in the tomb (Matt. 27:59-60).

The glory—He will sit on His throne (Heb. 8:1).

Note: Peter refers to the sufferings and glory theme again in 4:13 and 5:1. But on these occasions he includes the believer. In other words, to share in Christ's pain is to share in Christ's reign.