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**Rev 13:10** He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the **patience** and the **faith** of the saints.

**Rev 14:11-13** And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” <sup>12</sup> Here is the **patience** of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their **works follow them.**”

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Friedrich Von Logau  
1605 – 1655

## “Retribution”

“Though the mills of God grind slowly,  
Yet they grind exceeding small;  
Though with patience He stands waiting,  
With exactness grinds He all.”

(translated into English by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

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The confidence that God will one day set everything straight gives every saint patience and faith.

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## 1. He will judge the wicked

**Rev 13:10** He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword.

**Rev 14:11** And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; ...

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**Ps 58:10-11** The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked, <sup>11</sup> So that men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely He is God who judges in the earth."

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**119:119** You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love Your testimonies.

**145:20-21** The Lord preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. <sup>21</sup> My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.

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**Prov 10:7,25,30** The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot. <sup>25</sup> When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, but the righteous has an everlasting foundation. <sup>30</sup> The righteous will never be removed, but the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

**24:19-20** Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the wicked; <sup>20</sup> For there will be no prospect for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

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**Mt 13:49-50** So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup> and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

**Rev 20:12,15** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ... <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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## 2. He will justify the saved

**Rev 14:13** Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their **works follow them.**"

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**Rom 8:30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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**Rom 8:18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**2 Cor 4:17-18** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup> while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

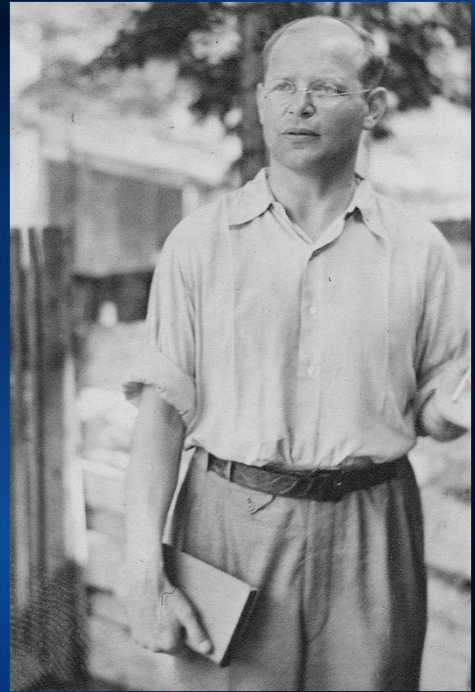
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**Rom 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**Heb 6:12** that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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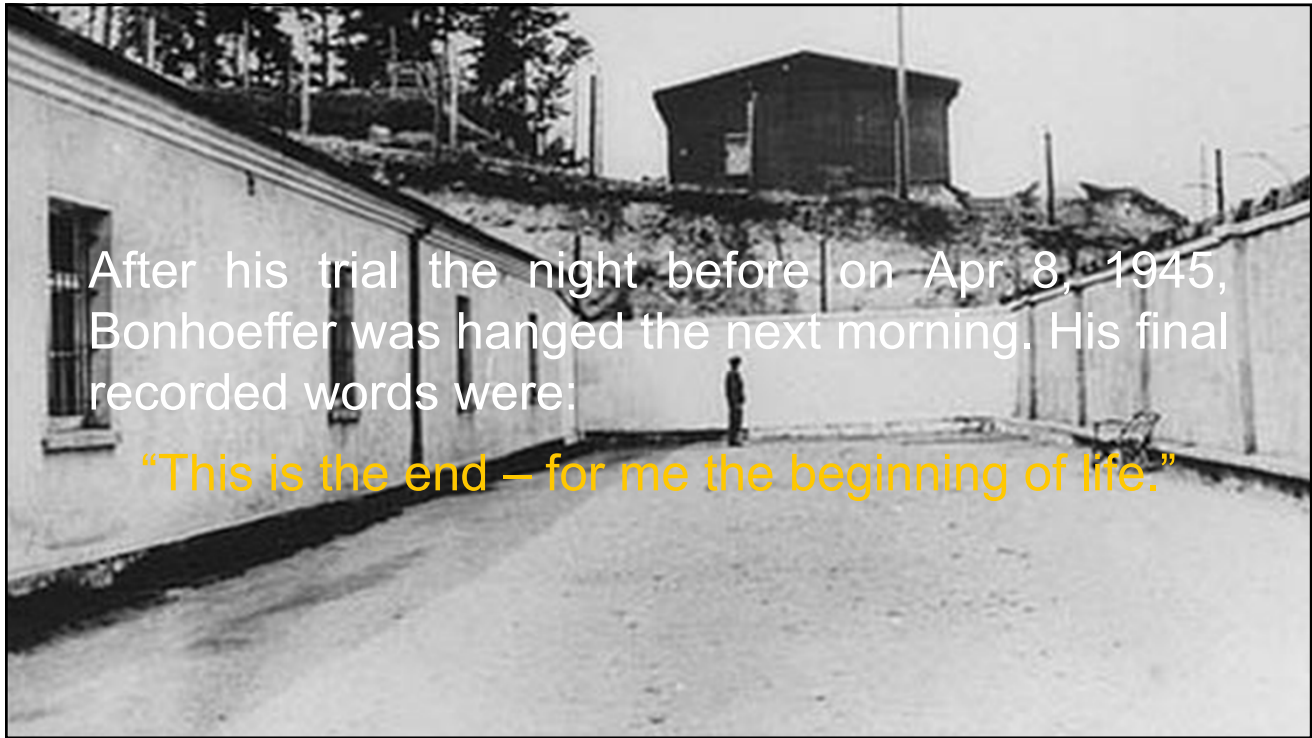
“How should one become arrogant over successes or shaken by one’s failures when one shares in God’s suffering in the life of this world? You understand what I mean even when I put it so briefly. I am grateful that I have been allowed this insight, and I know that it is only on the path that I have finally taken that I was able to learn this. So I am thinking gratefully and with peace of mind about past as well as present things. ... May God lead us kindly through these times, but above all, may God lead us to himself.”



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After his trial the night before on Apr. 8, 1945, Bonhoeffer was hanged the next morning. His final recorded words were:

**“This is the end – for me the beginning of life.”**