

**Series "How Great A Salvation"  
"Freedom From Discouragement"  
Romans 8:18-30  
Study-23**

**Romans 8 – Paul shares "The Necessity Of Suffering." Paul explains that The Holy Spirit Is The Source Of Comfort And "No Need To Be Discouraged!" Because – Suffering Leads To Glory!**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Holy Spirit Gives Hope Through Our Suffering So That Our Redemption Will Include All Of God's Creation."

- 1. Verse 18 – Suffering's Hope**
- 2. Verses 19-22 – Creation's Hope**
- 3. Verses 23-25 – Believer's Hope**
- 4. Verses 26-30 – Holy Spirit Of Hope**

**1. Verse 18 – Suffering's Hope:**

Romans 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time" – Context: Paul left off with speaking of suffering, Romans 8:17.

"consider" – used in accounting; "to enter into the ledger, to have thought it through very carefully; I have weighed the evidence, and believe that it is so."

"sufferings of this present time" – Paul suffered greatly, 2 Corinthians 11:23-28.

- 1) Suffering like Christ is the path to glory, so suffering is expected,
- 2) Sufferings are shared with Christ, 3) Our sufferings are but birth pangs, which lead to glory!

"are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." – 2 Corinthians 4:17 – "For momentary, light affliction"

**What Is The Glory?**

- 1. The Universe Is Going To Change: Revelation 21-22
- 2. Believers Receive Resurrected Glorified Bodies: Philippians 3:20-21; Matthew 13:43.

Knowing suffering is necessary to lead us to glory, allow us to go through suffering and hardships.

## **2. Verses 19-22 – Creation’s Hope:**

Romans 8:19 – “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly” – Literally, “all of creation is on tiptoes, straining their necks.” – “for the revealing of the sons of God.”

“revealing of the sons of God.” – Believers are going to receive resurrected glorified bodies at the return of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:20 – “futility,” – or “vanity;” Only used here and in Ephesians 4:17; 2 Peter 2:18; means “emptiness, frustration, disappointing misery, without purpose, seeking without finding.” Ecclesiastes calls it “Vanity;” steam coming out of a kettle!

“creation was subjected to futility,” – the universe, because of sin, is engulfed in emptiness. Our world is in conflict.

God’s Perfect Creation: Genesis 1:29.

Adam Brought Corruption To Creation: Genesis 3:18-19.

“not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it,” – man, who was over God’s creation, disobeyed God and brought this frustration to our world.

“in hope” – That because of the emptiness, there would and could be a change. God offered hope to Adam in Genesis 3:15.

Romans 8:21

Natural Disasters – Animal kingdom out of balance – Mankind Is Wicked – 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Thermodynamics – Law Of Entropy.

“into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” – designed so that it’s emptiness should lead us to God, to want a better place.

Note that the fate of the ecological problems of the earth are tied to man’s sinful condition.

Romans 8:22 – “For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers” – This is a known fact.

Creation Groans: Nature groans – Verse 22, Believers groan – Verse 23, Holy Spirit groans – Verse 26.

### **3. Verses 23-25 – Believer’s Hope:**

Romans 8:23 – “And not only this, but also we ourselves,” – Paul moves from creation to the believer; it gets personal.

“first fruits of the Spirit,” – “first fruits of the harvest, pledge of a full harvest.”

Holy Spirit is given to us as an earnest engagement ring,  
Ephesians 1:13-14.

“even we ourselves groan within ourselves,” – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10.

“waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons,” – Receive our full inheritance realized; have already been adopted by God. Romans 8:15-17

“the redemption of our body.” – It is when we receive our glorified resurrected bodies that the adoption will be complete.

Verses 24-25 – Past Actions Of Our Salvation: Romans 8:24.

This word “Hope” – means “a sure expectation of a future event.” It is something that will happen, but we just don’t see it completely as of yet!

“for who hopes for what he already sees?” – You don’t because you have what you look for!

Romans 8:25 – “perseverance” – speaks of “endurance in waiting;” we wait eagerly for it.

1 John 3:2-3

### **4. Verses 26-30 – Holy Spirit Of Hope:**

Romans 8:26

Verses 26-27 – The Help Of The Holy Spirit: “in the same way the Spirit” – We need to maintain this hope, so it is the Holy Spirit that is helping us to keep this hope alive in us.

Holy Spirit Helps In Our Weakness: “Spirit also helps our weakness;”

Holy Spirit Helps In Our Prayer: “for we do not know how to pray as we should,” – Not The Form Of How To Pray, but articulate the content of what to pray for!

"but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;" – Creation groans, we groan, and now the Holy Spirit groans.

Holy Spirit prays for us. Jesus prays for us, Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1

Romans 8:27 – "and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is," – God knows the hearts. God alone knows what is best for each.

"because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." – The Holy Spirit not only helps us, but prays for us according to the will of God.

Verses 28-30 – The Pledge Of The Believer's Glory: Romans 8:28 – "And we know" – This phrase is so important! "How do we know?" We know through Scripture and we know through Observation of life.

"that God causes all things to work together for good" – Literally, "God orchestrates all things for good!"

"to those who love God," – Note this requirement. Daily walking with Him, in His loving purpose for their lives.

"to those who are called according to His purpose." – We are loving Him and wanting God's divine purpose in our lives.

Romans 8:29

Verses 29-30 – A Past Tense Eternal Perspective: "For those whom He foreknew," – This is called the "Foreknowledge Of God;" know beforehand.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Ephesians 1:3-7

"predestined" – "Pre-designed" – "to become conformed to the image of His Son," – This word "predestined" is always referring to believers; Never used of heaven and hell, Colossians 3:10.

Romans 9-11 – a sovereign God, man's responsible, God can step in.

Romans 8:30 – "and these whom He predestined, He also called;"

"and these whom He called, He also justified;" – Declares righteous.

This word "glorified" – "past tense;" Talk about encouragement!

## **Application:**

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2. Creation's Hope: The Fate Of The Ecological And Corruption Problems Of Our World Are Tied To Man's Sin Condition. When Believers Are Glorified, Then Our World Will Be Set Free From Its Corruption.
3. Believer's Hope: "For in hope we have been saved" – The Hope God Gives The Believer Is A Sure Expectation Of A Future Event.
4. Holy Spirit Of Hope: The Holy Spirit Helps In Our Weakness, And Prayer. The Holy Spirit Is The Pledge Of The Believer's Glory.