

Lesson 7: Romans 8:18-29

The Holy Spirit and You

Believers must travel through a fallen world with its trials and sorrows. We are assured that our present sufferings are not worthy to compared to our future home (v.18 see 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Creation is groaning from the curse God pronounced. Not Only is Creation groaning but so is the Christian groaning. To come to our aid the Holy Spirit is interceding for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

God promises that He will work everything for good to those who love Him (v.28).

Creation is Groaning

18-22

God cursed the ground because Adam sinned (Genesis 3:17-19). Every poisonous plant and every bit of stubborn soil is a result of sin.

Creation observed Adam and Eve in Paradise disobey God. All had been perfect until the couple sinned. All creation is groaning and suffering the pains of childbirth longing for a day when the curse will end (v.22).

“Nature, with its melancholy charm, resembles a bride who, at the very moment when she was fully attired for marriage, saw the bridegroom die. She still stands with her fresh crown, and in her bridal dress, but her eyes are full of

tears” (Schelling, cited by Godet, Word Studies in the New Testament, Vol. 3, Marvin Vincent, p. 94).

Christians Groan

8:23-25

Our groaning is a longing to inherit all that we have been given.

1. First fruits of the Spirit:
2. Waiting Eagerly for our Adoption as Sons
3. Redemption of our Body
4. Living with Hope

God has given us a taste of what is to come and we long for more. Our bodies are dying so we long for the new body. Our salvation comes in three tenses: Past, Present, and Future

Past: Saved from the Penalty of our Sins

Present: Saved from the Power of Sin

Future: Saved from the Presence of Sin

The Comforter Groans

8:26-27

1. He helps us in our weakness: 26
“to lend a hand”, “to come to the aid of someone”

Weakness: no strength, not able

2. He helps us in our ignorance of how to pray: 26

James 1:2-5 trials ambush us and we do not know
How to save ourselves.

3. The Holy Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep
For words.

“intercedes”: to plead on behalf of another; used
of one who “happens” on someone in trouble and
Then on their behalf with ‘sighs’ that defy words.

4. The Father knows the mind of the Spirit who prays
according to the Will of God.

God Promises Good

8:28-29

The Kinds of People for whom all things are working
together for good.

1. Those who Love God
2. Those who have heard God’s call and believed:
James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; Acts 13:48; 16:14; 2 Cor.
4:3-6

What God has already done in the lives of those who love Him and what He will do:

Before Time

God Foreknew you

God Predestined you to be conformed to Christ

In Time

God Called you to become His own. (John 10)

God Justified you by faith alone, grace alone

In the Future

God will glorify us with a new resurrected body
Glory will so much greater than our
Suffering (2 Cor. 4:16-18).

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