

① Christians can never be accused of being about trivialities! "Spirit bears witness w. our spirit that we are children of Θ " + "glorified w. him," secular ideology that is so ho hum, boring
GLORY = $\Xi \Xi$'s Message

→ Holy Spirit is the firstfruit of glory 8:23

① Preliminary Observations re Glory

1. Glorification is Jesus centered "with him" vs 17

Christian hope is rooted in a historic person, Jesus, and his life, death, resurrection

2. The path to glory leads through suffering
"provided we suffer w. him" 8:17

In this age suffering + glory are welded together, "married" John Stott

3. The sufferings of our present age are not worth comparing to the glory that is to be revealed to us "weight of glory"

Really? Have you experienced suffering? Andrew + Amy Allen

② CREATION groans waiting for GLORY

☑ Creation waits in eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God, lit. on tiptoe

☑ Creation was subjected [by Θ] to futility "bondage to corruption" at the Fall in hope that it would be set free, so now it groans in pain of childbirth

What does this mean?

☑ There is a day coming when Creation will "obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of Θ " (vs. 21)

Do you see how this at least begins to outweigh our present suffering? But not all...

③ CHRISTIANS groan waiting for glory

☑ SPIRIT is firstfruit of glory

☑ We groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies... ANDREW + AMY

☑ This is the hope in which we were saved

IMPLICATIONS FOR YOU TODAY?

#1 WONDER About your hope?

Your ideology? Your good news?

Homer "the lot of man: to suffer + to die."

Sartre "One always dies too soon - or too late. And yet, life is there finished: the line is drawn, and it must all be added up. You are nothing other than your life." I hope you understand why Christians have such a different view!

Andrew Yoder, Seattle Times... Just wonder

#2 WAIT As Christians you live in

the inbetween ✎ groaning inwardly
on other hand ✎ redemptions of bodies

SO WAIT PATIENTLY vs. 24-25 Amy Allen

#3 WITNESS Every person you know + meet has a future of eternal glory or shame.

C.S. Lewis, "The weight of glory"