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**GRACE... NO GREATER GIFT**  
MINI-SERIES ON THE GRACE OF GOD

PART 7

**“THERE IS GRACE...”**

**“When My Heart is Grieved in a World that Groans”**

**“Living with Hope When Despair Seems Justified”**

(Romans 8:18-25)

**INTRODUCTION:**

**THE BOOK OF ROMANS:**

1. NO \_\_\_\_\_ ! (ROMANS 1:18-3:20)

2. NO \_\_\_\_\_ ! (ROMANS 3:21-5:21)

3. NO \_\_\_\_\_ ! (ROMANS 6:1-8:17)

4. NO \_\_\_\_\_ ! (ROMANS 8:18-39)

*“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” —Romans 8:18*

- The sufferings of this present age are insignificant in comparison to the certain and future glories of our redemption. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

5. NO \_\_\_\_\_ ! (ROMANS 9:1-11:36)

6. NO \_\_\_\_\_ ! (ROMANS 12:1-15:13)

*“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to you present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice...” —Romans 12:1*

**THE PROPOSITION:** An understanding of the coming \_\_\_\_\_ provides us with a proper \_\_\_\_\_ on present \_\_\_\_\_ and a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ for perseverance marked by \_\_\_\_\_.

1A. \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ ! FOR \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For we know that the whole of creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves...”*

—Romans 8:22, 23

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ groans. (8:22)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ groans. (8:23)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ groans. (8:26)

2A. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ! FOR \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_ .

"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees?" –Romans 8:24

1B. The present is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
while the future is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ .

"For I consider **the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy to be compared with **the glory that is to be revealed to us.**" –Romans 8:18

2B. The present is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
while the future is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ .

"...**For the creation was subjected to futility**, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be **set free from its slavery to corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God." –Romans 8:19-21

3B. The present is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
while the future is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ .

"...in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of **the glory of the children of God...**" –Romans 8:21, 23

4B. The present is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
while the future is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ .

"For we know that the whole of creation groans and **suffers the pains of childbirth** together until now." –Romans 8:22

5B. The present is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
while the future is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ .

"And not only this, but also we ourselves, **having the first fruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for **our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**" –Romans 8:23

6B. The present is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
while the future is a time of \_\_\_\_\_ .

"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? But if **we hope for what we do not see**, with **perseverance we wait eagerly for it.**" –Romans 8:24,24

3A. \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ ! FOR \_\_\_\_\_ !

"You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**" –2 Timothy 2:1

"Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, **fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you** at the revelation of Jesus Christ." –1 Peter 1:13

A FINAL EXHORTATION...