November Memory Verse
Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. (Romans 8:33-34)

Sermon Notes

THE BIG IDEA
What is the main truth the Lord showed you in this passage?

Trinity Gospel Church **Bible Study Notes**

Waiting for the Adoption

Romans 8:18-23

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

A corrupt present but glorious future

Even though we have assurance of future glory as heirs together with Christ and as children of God, we are well aware of our corrupt state today. Even as we look at the beauty of creation we see the evidence of the corruption of sin, but this is not the end. The Holy Spirit in us now gives hope for the future!

Section 1—An Unjust Comparison

Read Romans 8:18; Hebrews 11:24-27

1) In what ways do you think the comparison of verse 18 is unworthy?

2) How does Moses' choice in Hebrews 11 illustrate this unjust comparison?

3) What choices in your life may also demonstrate the value of the future glory to be revealed?

Section 2—Creation Subject to Vanity

Read Romans 8:19-20; Isaiah 24:4-6

1) Why do you suppose the creature (creation) waits for the "manifestation of the sons of God"?

2) According to Isaiah 24 why is the earth cursed and defiled?

3) What evidence do you see in creation (not including people) of the corruption of the curse?

Section 3—Hope of Glorious Liberty

Read Romans 8:20-21; Revelation 22:1-5

1) How do you think creation will experience "glorious liberty"?

2) According to Revelation 22 what source overcomes the curse in the future glory?

3) Why do you think we struggle today with the reality of this future glory?

Section 4—Groaning in Pain… for Now

Read Romans 8:22-23; 1 John 3:2-3

1) In what many ways do we "groan within ourselves" for now?

2) According to 1 John how does the unseen future affect us now?

3) How should the reality of the curse in and around you now affect how you respond to others and to your circumstances?

