



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: October 31, 2021

Passage: Romans 8:18–25

Theme: Living by the Spirit considers suffering glorious

Main Idea: Our present sufferings cannot possibly compare with our future glory.

Evidenced by two groaners:

1. All creation groans for the revelation of the sons of God (19–22).

- a. Creation is frustrated.
- b. It eagerly longs for deliverance.

2. Believers themselves groan and wait for their future adoption and redemption (23–25).

The process explained:

- a. We have received salvation in our hope.
- b. But, our hope has not been totally realized yet.
- c. So, we eagerly await our hope through endurance.

Application Questions:

•What causes you to groan 1) in current events, 2) in the present state of the world, and 3) in your own spiritual walk?

•Why did God place the created world under the curse of sin if it was man's fault? How might this affect the way in which we view the world and long for the new creation?

•How does this passage impact or change your view of suffering? How does it help define Christlikeness in the life of the believer?

•Explain the connection between hope and glory in vv. 23–25. How can this passage motivate you to endure?

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