

# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** We are so grateful that you are worshipping with us!

**Nursery and Kids' Church** are available — parents, please sign-in your children.

**Communion** next Sunday.

**Spring Business Meeting & BBQ Potluck** — next Sun, May 29th. Please bring a dessert, side dish, or salad to share.  
**THERE WILL BE A BOUNCE HOUSE FOR THE KIDS!!!**

**Lei Making Class** — this Wed, May 25th, 10:30am to noon.

Month of May **Spring Cleaning**  
Contact Kalehua for details.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

**Giving Snapshot** (Jan thru April)  
Budgeted - \$113,333  
Actual - \$110,596

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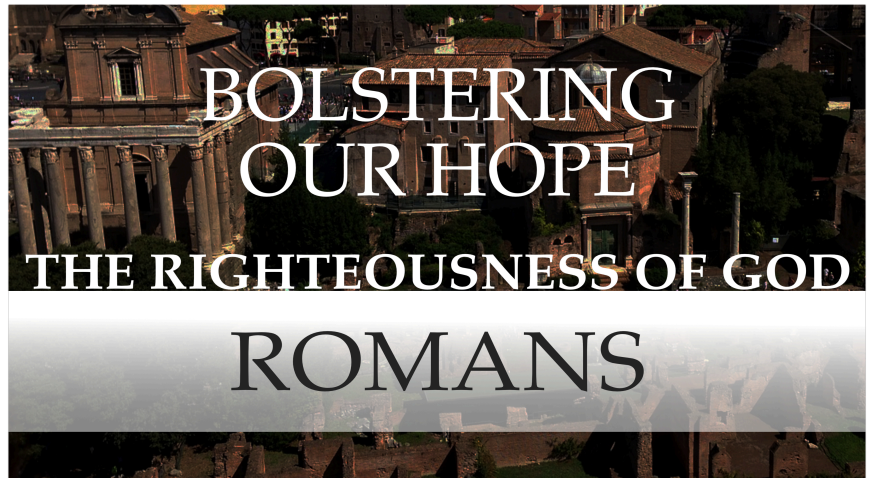
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Romans 8:18-30

**Big Idea:** Paul wants to bolster our hope. The suffering that believers may presently experience until our physical bodies are totally redeemed must be viewed in light of our future, predestined glory. God's purpose for His children is secure.

- Paul's thesis for 8:18-39 — our **present sufferings** are pale compared to our **future glory!** (8:18)
- Sympathetic Groan of Creation (8:19-22)
- Sympathetic Groan within Ourselves (8:23-25)
- Sympathetic Groan of the Holy Spirit (8:26-30)

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## GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### The Assurance of Hope (Romans 8:18-39)

1. What was Paul's experience with suffering, and how does this affect your understanding of these verses (8:17-18) and encourage you in your suffering? (see also 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; 6:4-10; 11:23-28)
2. What does the word "glory" mean? Share various aspects of our "glory" from the following verses: 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Hebrews 2:10
3. What is the relationship between suffering and glory, and what hope does this give us for ourselves, for our church 'ohana, or for the suffering believers worldwide?
4. What does Romans 8:19-22 tell us about sin?
5. When and how will creation be "set free"? (see also 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:2)
6. For what do believers hope, and how are we to wait? For what are you waiting and hoping, and why?
7. From the following verses, share various ways the Holy Spirit works in a believer's life: Romans 8; Luke 12:12; Acts 1:8; 16:6-10; 20:22; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Ephesians 4:3-4; 6:17. How has He been working in your life?
8. What are some ways we might misinterpret Romans 8:28 How is Romans 8:28 similar to Philippians 4:13?
9. Put Romans 8:28 in your own words. What hope/assurance does this verse offer the believer in every situation?
10. What do we learn about God's attributes and character from Romans 8:28 and the surrounding verses? How does this challenge you? How does his comfort you?
11. What does Romans 8:29-30 reveal about God, and why is it good news? Briefly explain the following concepts: Foreknew, Predestined, Called, Justified, Glorified. (see also John 6:37, 44; Romans 1:6-7; 3:22-26; 8:17-21; Ephesians 1:4-5, 11)
12. What are some ways God works to conform believers to the image of His Son? (see also Romans 5:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:12, 15-16; Hebrews 5:7-8)