




THE BOOK OF

ROMANS

Re-cap...

- The power of the resurrection by HS
- The spirit of the ABBA adoption
- No comparison between sufferings and joint-heirship with Christ NOW!
- Creation itself 'groaning' for our revelation



Romans 8:19-22

CREATION GROANS

In Hope...

- Creation had God's blessing on it
- Now it suffers under sinners...
 - 'slavery to corruption' (21)
 - But, waiting in hope... *elpis*
- SO, what is hope? What is hope to you?

The Outcome!

- Creation will be set free... not yet!
 - ‘birth pangs’ are all around us (Matt 24)
 - ‘shall be set free’ – future (Jn 8:32, 36)
- Corruption becomes glory! Whose?
 - Future event, 1,000 years...
 - Children of God!!

“ALL CREATION KEEPS ON GROANING”



Stevattza

We know that all creation keeps on groaning together
and being in pain together until now. -Rom. 8:22.

#5 - 'Creation' effects 21-25

- All creation, "not only this"
- We also groan! (same word!)
 - Pain, fears, worries, problems?
- The Holy Spirit!! 'first fruits'!
 - We are now sensitized to His heart!
 - Gal 5 – list of 'fruits'

Groaning in Him

- Our very breath comes from God!
 - We groan to be revealed as sons
 - Also, the redemption of our body *soma*
 - 1 Cor 15:42-44
 - What forms does this take?
 - What does the HS groan over/for?

Saved in hope! (24-25)

- Why this? Again...
- Note the tense... 'we have been saved'
 - Aorist passive... Point in time w/o help
 - Hope is also a continuing motive/power
 - Hope against hope (Abraham Ch 4)
 - Hope that is seen? No need...

Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all... As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.
G. K. Chesterton

Hope in the unseen -

- The unseen is the eternal! 2Cor 4:18
- perseverance and hope are linked 3x:
 - 5:4; 8:25; 15:4
 - *hupomone* – cheerful, enduring, steadfast, waiting, patient continuance – “desire with expectation” Godet
 - Is there significance to this link?

The effect of this hope. "Then do we with patience wait for it." We wait, but not as criminals for execution, but as a bride for the wedding. The joy is sure to come, therefore do not complain and murmur, as though God had missed His appointment.

(C. H. Spurgeon.)