

Sermon Notes
July 27, 2025
Romans 8:18-30
“Glory and Suffering”

1. Glory grows out of **Suffering**

2 As we suffer and hope in Christ when it doesn't make sense, that is when people **pay attention.** (Genesis 3:17-18, Revelation 22: 1-3)

3. Rest in the Spirit's **interceding** for you.

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17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

F. F. Bruce

“It is not merely that the glory is a compensation for the suffering; it actually grows out of the suffering. There is an organic relation between the two for the believer as surely as there was for the Lord.”

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Evangelism as Exiles -Elliot Clark

*“The reality is, in this life, the rich have reason to hope. The comfortable have every reason to hope. Beautiful people have, at least in the world’s eyes, reason to hope. Powerful people have reason to hope. New England Patriot’s fans (this coming from a beleaguered Cleveland Browns fan) always seem to have a reason to hope. **But when our hope is inexplicable, when it doesn’t make sense, that’s when people open their ears to hear what we have to say.”***

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when it doesn't make sense,
that is when people **pay attention.**

Genesis 3:17-18

17 And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree

of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

Revelation 22:1-3

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

John Murray

“The children of God have two divine intercessors. Christ is their intercessor in the court of heaven..., the Holy Spirit is their intercessor in the theatre of their own hearts.”

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