

Living Out the Gospel Part 8

Romans 8:18-30

Life Everlasting Starts Now

Future Glory

Rom 8:18 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.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

- To Reckon: To esteem; to account; to repute; To reason with oneself and conclude from arguments
- We MUST...
 - Esteem or consider the costs
 - Of our best day had here
 - Our worst day had here
 - Compare it with the promises of God
 - God's Word is true
 - He has prepared a place for us
 - We will be made perfect
 - We will be made eternal
 - Then Conclude that the worst thing that can happen to us will pale in comparison to the reward we have IN Christ

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope,

Rom 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

- It may sound or seem harsh that...
 - It's God's Will for me to battle with sin
 - But it is the only way He will receive the glory
 - He has provided victory
 - I must simply live in it (Christ)
 - If we could live sinless, we have no need of Jesus, and God the Father receives no glory
 - It is my temptation to sin that is designed to turn me to Him
 - **James 1:2** *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*
3 *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
4 *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*
 - **James 1:12** *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*
13 *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:*
14 *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

- Mankind is searching for something better
 - The World wants better
 - Creation longs for perfection
- Christianity longs for better
 - We have **better** in His Spirit
 - We get to bear His fruit for His glory
 - But to be sinless!!!

Rom 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

- Hope is not a desire for something to happen,
- but a rejoicing in what will happen.
- Hope is certain, or it is not hope.
- Hope that is seen or tangible today is not hope.

- God cannot give us all that He desires to give us, for if He did, then why would we need Him?
 - `Yes, I long for His return!
 - I long for the day when there is no more sin dwelling in me!
 - I long for the day when I can see Jesus face to face and fall at His feet to worship Him in a physical realm!
 - **Proverbs 13:12** says, “Hope deferred make that the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.”
 - Do we pay attention to what streets are made of here?
 - Do we look at gates and walls and wonder at their beauty?
 - Do you think for one moment that our focus will be anywhere but on Christ?
 - Here in lies a huge problem with many Christians today
 - We don't really hope to see heaven
 - We don't really hope to see the face of Jesus
 - We don't really long to see others come to Christ
 - We have given over our longing for Christ
 - We have given over our longing for a sinless life
 - We have given over our longing for lost souls to know redemption
 - We want reconciliation without sanctification
 - We want to live a life without problems now instead of let God use us now
 - We want heaven's beauty without fulfilling our Christian duty

- We want
- So, it is with our intimate walk with Jesus!
 - Yes, I long to be with Him so much sometimes that it makes me sick in my heart,
 - but it is that longing for the certain hope that makes my conversations with Him sweeter!
 - More intimate!
 - Knowing that soon, we will be together forever!!!

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

- Likewise...we don't see Hope, but we have it
 - We don't see the Spirit, but we have it
 - How do you know?
 - Ever been so distraught you don't even know what you should pray for, or how?
 - It's ok, we have the Holy Spirit
 - He intervenes for us
 - He interprets for us
 - He inspects us
 - He makes intercession for us
 - He informs us of God's Will

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

- So, We Know!

- All things

- Temptations – James 1:2 *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*
 - Trials & Tribulation - 1Peter 1:6 *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*
 - Persecution – 2 Timothy 3:12 *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*
 - Chastisement - Hebrews 12:5 *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto*

you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

- Because we trust the ONE Who Knows All
 - God is Sovereign over all
 - God knows all
 - God is All Powerful
 - He made us to be in His image
 - Christ is our pre-destined state
 - So, God's knows what we are going to do, when we are going to do it, and why
 - His foreknowledge places things in my life to point me to or back to Him
- While we long for the sinless life eternal God has promised to all that place their trust in the Lord Jesus...
 - We do not wait for the Life Only Jesus gives!
 - Knowing that His grace is working in every aspect of our lives, we look to that Life He gives
 - A life of victory
 - Victory in hard things
 - Victory over sin
 - Victory over the pressures of life
 - Victory over self and sin
 - Victory over satan and society
 - Victory in a life that seeks Christ
 - Victory in a life that seeks to show others Christ
 - He is our Savior forever
 - Why can't He be that same Savior today?