



#3 Suffering and the Solid Hope of Future Glory

Romans 8:18-31

Romans 8:18 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.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

LOOK AHEAD!

Envision What God Has In Store For Us

- A. Seeing Christ's true glory
- B. Finally expressing our own unique glory
- C. Enjoying creation's restored glory

**Focusing On Future Glory
Can Change My Attitude In Present Distress**

LOOK WITHIN!

Hear The Spirit Of God Praying For You

Romans 8:26 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.

LOOK BEHIND!

See God Working Behind The Scenes In All Things To Bring About Ultimate Good

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

Who does this promise apply to?

Who is that?

What is meant by "all things?"

The Greatest Example:

LOOK BACK!

Rest In God's Eternal Decree That Sealed Your Destiny

Romans 8:29 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.

*What God thinks is "good":

*The best question: "How is God working through this to make me and others more like His Son?"

LOOK UP!

Know In Your Heart That God Is FOR YOU Forever!

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?