



ROMANS 8:16-25

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 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. (Romans 8:16-25)

Introduction

- In Romans 6:1-8:39, Paul focused on our _____ – believers have been freed from sin's _____ (6:2, 6:6-7, 6:11-12, 6:14, 7:5-6, 8:2, 8:13).
- Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit, and part of the Spirit's sanctifying work involves helping believers rest in the truth of their _____ as children (Romans 8:15-17).

- In Romans 8:17, Paul’s argument moved from “adoption” to “suffering” because our experiences of suffering lead us to _____ the reality of our adoption.

Thesis

- The suffering of God’s children is _____ and _____ compared to the _____ of glory that will be revealed in the end (Romans 8:18 ... 2 Corinthians 4:16-17).

Application

- When Adam sinned, _____ was placed under a curse – but one day that curse will be lifted (Romans 8:19-22).
 - Creation was subjected to _____ (Romans 8:20 ... Genesis 3:17).
 - Creation is in _____ to corruption (Romans 8:21).
 - _____ is groaning, waiting for the day of redemption (Romans 8:19, 8:22).
- When Adam sinned, _____ was placed under a curse – but one day that curse will be lifted (Romans 8:23-25).
 - Human beings subjected themselves to _____ (Romans 1:18-23).
 - Human beings are in _____ to sin and death (Romans 5:12, 5:18).
 - _____ are groaning, waiting for the day of redemption (Romans 8:23-25).

Motivation

- The Christian has a future perspective that empowers _____ in the midst of suffering.