

The Book of Romans 8:18-27

Key Phrases

- ✓ *Sufferings of This Present Time... Glory Which Shall be Revealed:* The present suffering is _____, while the future glory is _____.
- ✓ *Eagerly Waits:* All creation looks forward to its liberation from the effects of the _____.
- ✓ *Creation:* Creation refers to the entirety of the natural world, including _____, which has been impacted by sin and eagerly awaits restoration.
- ✓ *Bondage of Corruption:* The state of _____ and _____ that affects all creation due to sin. This includes physical limitations and the presence of evil and suffering.
- ✓ *Glorious Liberty of the Children of God:* The future state of freedom from sin, corruption, and suffering that will be experienced by believers in the _____.
- ✓ *The Whole Creation Groans:* until the time of our release and redemption, we must groan, _____, and hope.
- ✓ *Firstfruits of the Spirit:* The presence of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives serves as a guarantee and foretaste of the _____ of salvation they will experience.
- ✓ *Adoption:* In the context of Romans, adoption refers to _____ being welcomed into God's family and receiving all the rights and privileges of being His children.
- ✓ *Redemption:* Redemption signifies deliverance from _____ and its consequences, including physical death, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ *Intercession:* Intercession refers to the act of _____ on behalf of others, a role fulfilled by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for believers.
- ✓ *Groaning:* The longing and anticipation of both _____ and _____ for the future redemption and restoration promised by God.

Discussion Questions

1. Consider the connection between suffering and glory as presented in Romans 8:18-27. How does this understanding impact the Christian perspective on hardship and future hope?
2. Consider the concept of creation's groaning and anticipation in Romans 8:19-22. How does this passage connect the fate of humanity with the fate of the natural world?
3. According to Romans 8:24, what is the basis of a Christian's hope?
4. Explain the concept of "hope that is seen is no hope at all" in Romans 8:24.
5. Discuss the significance of the Holy Spirit's role as intercessor for believers in Romans 8:26-27. How does this understanding bring comfort and assurance to Christians in their daily lives?
6. How does Romans 8:27 emphasize the role of the Trinity in the lives of believers?
7. Explain the meaning of "adoption" and "redemption" in the context of Romans 8. How do these concepts contribute to the understanding of the future glory that awaits believers?