

ROMANS
Our Message to the World
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

The Christian Hope
Romans 8:18-25
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I. The future glory surpasses the present sufferings.

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.*

cf. Romans 5:2; 8:17; II Corinthians 4:16-18; I Peter 1:3-7; 4:13; 5:10

II. The creation is waiting.

cf. Psalm 96:11ff; 98:7ff; Isaiah 55:12

A. Eagerly

¹⁹ *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

B. Hopefully

1. In subjection to futility

²⁰ *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope...*

cf. Genesis 3:17ff; Ecclesiastes 1:2

2. In hope of freedom

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.*

cf. Isaiah 11:6ff; 32:15ff; 35:1ff; 65:17ff; 66:22; Matt. 19:28; Acts 3:19, 21; Rev. 22:3

C. Groaningly

²² *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

cf. Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:20ff

III. We are waiting.

A. Groaningly

²³ *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, ...*

cf. II Corinthians 5:2, 4

1. Baptized in the Spirit.

... who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, ...

cf. II Corinthians 1:21, 22; 5:5; Galatians 3:14; 5:22-25; Ephesians 1:14

2. Living in two aeons.

... groan inwardly ...

cf. John 15:19; II Corinthians 4:16; James 4:4; I John 2:15

B. Eagerly

... as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

cf. John 5:21; 6:40, 44; 11:25, 26; I Cor. 15:12-58; Phil. 3:20, 21; I Thess. 4:13-18; I John 3:2

C. Hopefully

²⁴ *For in this hope we were saved.*

cf. Romans 15:4; I Thessalonians 1:3; 5:8

1. Without seeing

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

cf. II Corinthians 4:18; Hebrews 11:1

2. With patience

²⁵ *But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

cf. Psalm 27:13, 14; Psalm 130; Psalm 131; Jeremiah 29:10-14