

More Than Conquerors

Studies in Romans Chapter 8

4. See through the suffering

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Our habitat is straining/struggling/spitting/spewing

▼ **Creation is cursed with decay**

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it,

▼ **Creation is crying for deliverance**

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▼ **Creation is confident of coming deliverance**

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▼ **Creation's deliverance is connected to the Christian's deliverance**

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Our hope is sweet and sure

▼ **Consider our present grief**

¹⁸ our present sufferings

▼ **Consider our promised glory**

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▼ **Consider our patient groaning**

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Our Holy Spirit is searching and strengthening

▼ **The Holy Spirit is our prayer intercessor**

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▼ **The Holy Spirit is our personal investigator**

²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

▼ **The Holy Spirit is our powerful inspiration**

²³ we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

Suggestions for the struggling

- ▼ *Treat your trials as temporary*
- ▼ *Seek the Spirit for strength and supply*
- ▼ *Hold to the hope of heaven*