

All Things Working Together: Romans 8:17-28

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Introduction

8:17 and if [we are] children [through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone,
then heirs—heirs of God and
joint heirs with Christ,
if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together

God's children are heirs of God; believers who suffer with Christ are His co-heirs

8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Not worthy to be compared

which is waiting for us

8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

Creation subjected to futility

Not willingly subjected to futility

God subjected creation in expectation

8:21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Creation will be delivered from the bondage of corruption

Creation will share in the liberty of children [and sons]

8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Firstfruits of the Spirit

We groan

8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

What does *saved* mean here?

Eager expectancy with perseverance

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

The Spirit helps? How?

Who groans? Who speaks?

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

Correcting wrong impressions of Romans 8:28

Do all believers love God? Are they all called in harmony with His purpose?

Do non-sons lose out?

Conclusion