

THE GRACE OF GOD
Romans 8:17-30

- I. The _____ of suffering for the believer Vs 17-18
- A. Sufferings-the affliction or hardship that comes to one because they are a _____. This affliction or discomfort can come in many forms.
1Pe 1:6-7 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- B. Suffering _____ a part of the believer's life Vs 17
1. *Mt 5:11-12 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*
 2. *2 Corinthians 4:17 For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (NLT)*
 3. *Heb 11:25-26 (Moses) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*
 4. *Heb 11:35 (OT Believers) Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:*
 5. *1 Peter 1:6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, (ESV)*
 6. *Php 3:10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*
- C. Suffering will occur in this life _____ Vs 18
1. *1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*
 2. *1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ:*
- II. The _____ of sin upon everything and everyone Vs 19-23
- A. Upon _____ Vs 19-22
1. Vs 19 **Earnest expectation**-anxious and persistent anticipation
 2. Vs 19 **Creature**-should read creation, Paul is talking about all of the created universe, with the exception of _____, which he discusses in later verses
 3. Vs 19 **Waiteth**-diligently and _____ waiting for
 4. Vs 19 **The manifestation of the sons of God**
 - a. The _____ of Christ to earth during the 1000 year reign
 - b. The true manifestation of God's _____ by Christ for all to see
 5. "When God finished His Creation, it was a good Creation (Gen. 1:31); but today it is a groaning Creation. There is suffering and death; there is pain, all of which is, of course, the result of Adam's sin. It is not the fault of creation. However, this groaning is not a useless thing: Paul compared it to a woman in travail. There is pain, but the pain will end when the child is delivered. One day creation will be delivered, and the groaning creation will become a glorious creation!" **Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary**
- B. Upon the _____ Vs 23-25
1. Vs 23 **They**-creation mentioned in vs 19-22
 2. Vs 23 **Ourselves**-_____
 3. Vs 23 **Which have the first fruits of the Spirit**-That which distinguishes believers from all others-the Holy Spirit living inside us
 - a. *2 Corinthians 5:5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (ESV)*
 - b. *James 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (ESV)*

4. **Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**
 - a. The believer longs for deliverance from this _____ body
 - b. The ultimate desire of the believer is to _____ this sinful world and enter heaven
 - c. **Adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body**-the _____ of our sin cursed body (cf. I Cor 15)
5. Vs 24-Now that we are saved, we eagerly look forward to this _____. For if you already have something, you don't need to _____ for it.
6. Vs 25-But if we look forward to something we don't have yet, we must _____ patiently and _____ confidently.

III. The Grace of God given to the believer in the Form of the _____ Vs 26-27

A. Vs 26

1. **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities**- the Holy Spirit helps us in our _____
 - a. Physically-the inability to keep our body from _____ and growing weaker physically
 - b. Spiritually-the inability to keep ourselves totally _____ from sin's influence and control. The inability to live a sinless life.
2. **For we know not what we should pray for as we ought**-there are often occasions when praying that we do not even know what we should be _____, or even what we should be praying for.
3. **But the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered**-the Holy Spirit _____ our prayer life by entering the necessary petitions before the Throne of the Father in our behalf

B. Vs 27

1. **And he that searcheth the hearts**-God the Father (Jer 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." (ESV)
2. **Knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit**
 - a. _____ what the Holy Spirit is saying in our behalf, since they both are co-equally God
 - b. The Father knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in _____ with God's own will.

IV. The Grace of God demonstrated through _____ events Vs 28

A. **And we know that all things work together for good**

1. Even though we live in a sin cursed world, and are too often influenced _____ by sin ourselves, yet because we have the Holy Spirit living within us and interceding in our behalf before the Throne of God, we _____ everything is going to turn out right
2. **Know**-comprehend and _____
3. **All things**-There is _____ in the believer's life experience excluded here
4. **Good**-the spiritual growth and eternal advancement of the believer, even though it may not look so at the time of the event

B. **To them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose**-the _____ that are found in every born-again believer

V. The _____ of God demonstrated through His Predestination of the believer Vs 29-30

- A. Vs 29 God knew his people in _____, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters
- B. Vs 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And he gave them _____ standing with himself, and he promised them his _____