

Notes for **Romans 8:18-25 ... ALL CREATION ON TIPTOES**

Romans demands we keep in mind the _____ as we examine the _____. **Romans 8**, the chapter of Christian _____, to bolster our hearts with *cour-age*. **8:1** → *no condemnation*. *Life & _____*, ours today (**8:6**). **8:15** → *our adoption as sons*. Future certainties flavor _____ day with hope: the resurrection and full glorification (**8:11,17**). **8:17** → All these guaranteed to us, _____ we suffer with Christ! *Why that intrusion?!* Roman Christians were feeling the squeeze of _____ (**5:3**) ~ *persecuted* → on-the-outs, subject to ridicule, paying a \$; hard times approaching. Paul's *abuses-_____* → completion. He did not introduce a foreign element with the word "suffer."

_____ work vs. development of courageous hearts. About suffering, Paul does not say: **1** *We are _____ going to suffer!* **2** *We might have to, but give God a generation & we'll be on top.* **3** *Build up the _____!* Suffering is in the plan. **8:30** ... *predestined* → *called* → *justified* → *glorified*. Another link in the *unbreakable chain* = suffering, _____ justification & glorification, where _____ belongs! **8:17** includes the suffering of being changed on the inside, from carnality to Christ. **8:13** → *You are putting to death the deeds of the body*. You & the Spirit, mortifying parts of you.

8:18 encourages us: It is _____ than worth it! All the pain-_____ in the universe cannot outweigh your first day in glory. The _____ to be revealed will be all around us there, but glory will also be revealed _____ us. We will be in a glorified state ~ pure reflectors of God. Whatever anguish we humans face, _____ came to that before we did, and it was our fault! Our sin marred our image-bearing, subjecting the rest of the created order to futility, frustration, corruption, slavery, suffering ~ thus, _____. Man and nature are in a struggle. But as a faithful remnant was "*eagerly anticipating*" the promised Messiah, so this creation is now on tiptoes ... craning to see the last of the _____ of God brought into the Kingdom.

Paul challenges the _____: If all creation will not give up looking for its consummation and fulfillment, why should we?! Let us _____ ~ in anxious longing, eager waiting, & hope of the revealing of that last son of God. We have _____ to understand mysteries of grace, beautiful _____ to cross the hills, loud mouths to herald the King's arrival. This plan includes a full rescue of the redeemed, and _____ of the created order.

8:21. Creation will be associated with _____ in our glorified state. But as creation groans now, we groan. **8:23** ~ We are _____, but fullness and reception are in future. We're already _____, but the body is corrupt and dying. Full consummation of being whole is in the future. Our souls need change before they are ready. Soul-change is hard. It feels like childbirth! **8:22** ~ Childbirth is _____-with-a-_____. Having come so far, knowing the One who brought us, believing His promises, having the Spirit as firstfruits, we have _____, sure God's purposes will come to pass. Eager, persevering!