

## Triumphant Living

*Lesson Seven • Romans 8:17-25*

### Groaning...Then Glory!

#### Everyone Who Is In Christ

is destined for **GROANING**...then **GLORY**!

*"and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:17*

#### But Is Our Present Groaning Worth Our Future Glory?

Why hang on to our future hope in Christ, when our present suffering is so great?

#### Our Present Groaning in Christ...

### 1. Is **NOTHING** compared to our future glory. (18)

- Our present suffering is **SOMETHING**. *2Corinthians 11:23-28*
- But our present suffering is **nothing** when compared to **EVERYTHING** we will receive for all eternity! *1Corinthians 2: 9-10; Ephesians 2:7; 2Cor 4:16-18*

### 2. Is **NECESSARY** in God's plan for creation and our salvation. (19-22, 17)

#### *Four Facts about the Groaning and Glory of God's Creation*

**Fact 1** Creation's groaning is **TEMPORARY**. (19)

**Fact 2** Creation's groaning is from **GOD** due to our sin. (20)

**Fact 3** Creation's groaning is done in **HOPE**. (21)

**Fact 4** Creation's groaning is **UNIVERSAL**. (22)

#### *So What's the Big Deal?*

- As humanity goes, so goes **CREATION**.
- As creation groans, so should **WE**.
- As you groan, remember your suffering is part of God's **MUCH BIGGER** plan and purpose!

### 3. Is **NOT** the last word on our eternal future. (23)

#### *How Does the Groaning of God's Children Differ from the Groaning of God's Creation?*

- We groan for what we will **BE**, while creation groans for what it will see.
- We already possess **the first fruits** of that future glory—the **HOLY SPIRIT**!

**WE GROAN,**  
*because of what we **already** have and what we do **not yet** have!*

**WE GROAN IN HOPE,**  
*because what we **already** have **guarantees** what we do **not yet** have!*

### 4. Is **NURTURING** our faith, hope, and love in the Lord Jesus Christ. (24-25)

- By faith **RECKON** that your present suffering cannot compare to the future glory of the New Creation with Jesus.
- With love **RELY** on the Spirit's powerful presence as our promise and preview of our future glory in the New Creation with Jesus.
- In hope **REALIZE** the best is yet to come, when Jesus returns to rapture us and raise us in glory with the New Creation.

#### **Our Present Groaning Will Be Worth Our Future Glory!**

It will lead to a Christ-exalting New Creation filled with God's mind-blowing glory as revealed in us, to us, and all around us!