



Romans 8:18-25

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“God has revealed these things to us through the Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, including the depths of God.” 1 Cor. 2:10 (CEB)

Background of Romans:

Scripture:

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. 19 The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God’s sons and daughters. 20 Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God’s children. 22 We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. 23 And it’s not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. 24 We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn’t hope. Who hopes for what they already see? 25 But if we hope for what we don’t see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:18-25 CEB)

vv. 18-19 A Waiting Creation

Present Suffering -

Creation Waits:

Revelation of God’s sons and daughters.

Who are God’s sons and daughters?

“You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:6-9 (ESV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Creation Itself -

vv. 20-22 From Slavery to Freedom

Slavery to Decay

Glorious Freedom

Labor Pains

v. 23 First Fruits

We Have the Spirit

Already/Not Yet

Waiting - Bodies to be Set Free

vv. 24-25 Hope and Patience

Hope - Future Oriented

Patience