

“OUR PRESENT STRUGGLE”

Romans 8:17b-27

The Reality of Life

Responding to suffering...
Ever said something stupid?
Quoted ill-timed Scripture?

Romans 8:17 –

1. The Glory of Eternity Will Be _____ (v. 18)

Paul is calling us to have...

“Our Present Sufferings Cannot Even Be Compared”

Paul Suffered & Concluded (Acts; 2 Cor 11:23-29; 2 Tim 2:9; 3:11)

Trust Exercise

Pattern Modeled (Phil 2; Jn 15:20; 16:33)

2. Creation _____ with You (vv. 19-22)

A Common Myth: “If we live well, we can avoid suffering.” (see vv. 18, 21, 23)

Perspective Building with v. 22

Why does creation groan in the first place?

What does creation’s groaning signal? (Anticipation of what?)

Purpose in Pain

A Broken World Pointing to Greater Beauty

3. You Do Have _____ (vv. 23-25)

Is Paul saying that we aren't really adopted yet?

What has the Spirit done for us?

Rom 6:1-11 –

Rom 8:12-13; Gal 5:16-25; Eph 5:18 –

Rom 8:16 –

Rom 8:23 –

Firstfruits –

The Holy Spirit is our _____ of future things!

What do we do in the meantime?

4. The Spirit Is Your _____ (vv. 26-27)

Helps Us –

Weakness –

Do Not Know How We Should Pray –

Intercedes For Us –

Three Tidbits to Consider:

~ If you're in a season of pain, and you don't see any good coming out of it, please withhold judgement of your circumstances.

~ If you are walking with someone going through pain, take a cue from the Spirit of God.

~ To those who have not yet professed faith in Christ...

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS TEXT?