



THE HOLY SPIRIT GUARANTEES ULTIMATE GLORY

Romans 8:18-25 (part 1)

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Good morning church! Last Sunday, we spent much time in prayer and reflection of the global church and the physical suffering that they faced. Today, we will look in Romans 8:18 to start today's study. In chapter 8, we have been studying the work and person of the Holy Spirit. God the Spirit changes our Nature, grants us Strength to overcome our fleshly desires, and as children of God, He grants us an eternal inheritance that is shared in God's hope and glory. William Carey, a great missionary to India in the late 1700's said, "We can expect great things from God; so we should attempt great things for God."

ROMANS 8:18-25

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."*

1. God's Eternal GLORY Brings Relief to Earthly SUFFERING. (v. 18-22)

- The future GLORY we experience with the Lord far outweighs any SUFFERING we experience in this world.

"And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field"

Genesis 3:17-18

"If everyone on earth became blind it would not diminish the glory of the sun, the moon, or the stars. If everyone on Earth became atheist, it would not diminish the Glory of God."

– A.W. Tozer

2. The SPIRIT Producing Fruit in Us Provides HOPE that We will Be Like Christ. (v. 23-25)

“For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.” **Psalm 38:4**

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

3. The HOPE of the Glory of God is SECURE in Jesus Christ. (v 23-25)

- ENDURANCE is based on one's ability to look beyond the physical to the spiritual; beyond the present to the future.

We are no longer condemned by the law. We can overcome our own flesh. We can endure suffering from this world's fallenness. We can resist the devil. But only through the hope of Jesus Christ and submitting to His Lordship. “The devil knows that, if you are in Christ, you have more than enough power to turn him away.”

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls”.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death. Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED."

The Bible says to REPENT of your sins and BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness. Then, you identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED and joining a local church.