

2020 THE YEAR OF GROANING

Romans 8:18-29

Selah!

We are suffering with Him, We will be glorified with Him

With these certainties in mind how does Paul weigh present sufferings with the future?

Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

II CORINTHIANS 4:17

When will this glory be revealed?

How do we become sons and daughters of God?

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 3:26

When will the children of God be revealed or unveiled?

Why is the creation earnestly awaiting the revealing of the sons of God?

Who brought on this futility?

For the land is full of adulterers; for because of a curse the land mourns. The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up. Their course of life is evil, and their might is not right.

JEREMIAH 23:10

He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;

PSALMS 107:33

A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

PSALMS 107:34

What is the creation hopeful of, at the revealing of the sons of God?

From what will the creation be delivered?

How has the creation responded while under the bondage of corruption?

That leads us into v.23 where not only the creation groans, but we do as well

Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

II CORINTHIANS 5:5

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

II CORINTHIANS 5:6

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

II CORINTHIANS 5:7

What specifically are we waiting for?

In v. 24 Paul follows up on the promise of redemption for our bodies

Paul then addresses the big issue regarding hope

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So in the midst of groaning what is our attitude, our mindset? What are we to do?

Do we get any help in our perseverance, our eager waiting for hope to be realized?

How does He help in our groanings to the Father?

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There are three ways that we pray to our Father

Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

Whom is the Spirit groaning to?

Who is the searcher who knows what the mind of the Spirit is, The Spirit groaning on our behalf?

From v.27 we ask this question: What is the will of God regarding what we are groaning about?

Knowing what?

Here's the progressive effectiveness of this supernatural knowledge

Hearing > learning > knowing > experience > outlook > based on persuasion

For whom does this supernatural truth apply?

What are the underlying truths that are required for all things to work for our good?

What did he have planned for 'the called', within His foreknowledge?

For what purpose?

Which leads us to a family that looks like, is becoming like Jesus ...

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