

Romans 8

I can handle ANY problem when I remember three things:

I. WE SHARE IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

II. OUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING TO OUR FUTURE GLORY

Two words describe where this glory will be revealed:

‘in us.’

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” 2 Cor .4:17 (NIV)

There are 3 “groans” in this passage:

1. Creation groans
 - 4 truths to remember about creation
 - It began as a good creation
 - It became a fallen creation

“To Adam He said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat of it,” cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plant of the field.’” Gen. 3:17-18

- It now waits as a groaning creation
- One day it will become a glorious creation

2. We groan

We are waiting for our adoption and our new bodies.

Notice that we wait both

eagerly(v. 23) and patiently (v. 25)

3. The Holy Spirit groans

III. IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR OUR GOOD

- In ‘all’ things
- ‘God’ works
- For the ‘good’
- Of those who ‘love’ Him
- We **KNOW**

What good can problems work?

They make you like Christ!

IV. GOD IS FOR US

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

V. GOD WILL NOT LEAVE US

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[p] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.