

Romans 8:16-18, 22-23, 26, 28, 35, 38-39

¹⁶The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
¹⁷and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

²²For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

²⁶In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

²⁸And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON NOTES

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Persuaded

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A battle won or lost in the mind.

For I CONSIDER (v. 18) (*logizomai*)

We KNOW (v. 28)

I am CONVINCED (v. 38)

SUFFERING

“If children heirs if indeed we suffer with Him.” (v. 17)

Creation groans (v. 22)

Christians groan (v. 23)

Spirit groans (v. 26)

GLORY

John 16:5 “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of your asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’”

3 things we know

- The Spirit intercedes for us (v. 26)
- God works all circumstances for our good (v. 28)
- Nothing can separate us from His love (v. 39)

Acts 26:28 “Agrippa *replied* to Paul, “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.”