

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 8:18-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?”

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Adoption, Redemption, Justification, Sanctification, Children of God, Indwelling.

Romans 8:18-23

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits 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 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Redemption / Justification / Sanctification / Glorification

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

1.) When time is running out

vs. 18

**The Ministry Tempo of Jesus Christ on Earth
was always one of Urgency.**

His encounters with those as diverse as the need of the scribes and Pharisees to repent, because the kingdom of God was at hand, to the pinpoint challenge of the rich young ruler and his need to make a decision regarding eternity.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

And then he gives clarification as to the urgency and expense of getting out the gospel to all people

2 Corinthians 6:3-10

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. 4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; 6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, 7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WHEN TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

1a.) Be looking to practice expectation

vs. 18a

Verse 18a

Romans 8:18a

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time

Expectation in the Face of Human Suffering

This may possibly be one of the greatest tools in the hand of Satan apart from pride and that is human suffering.

You and I both well know that there are those who accuse our God of being maniacal and powerless to alleviate human suffering and pain.

Very few people if any at this hour are atheist. The truth is they are angry at God for not having done things the way they wanted them to be done.

They have filed a celestial grievance against the God of all creation. And there in lies the answer to our pain and suffering. Humankind chose to go without God and to throw off his protection his blessings and his will for our lives.

Consider **grk: logizomai**
to reckon, to count, we would say today – “run the numbers” or “lets see if it’s all worth it”

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

sufferings **grk: pathema**
that which befalls one (everyone of this world), hard passions, crushing emotions, layered pressures of life, compounding hardships.

John 16:32-33

Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

present time **grk: nun**
in the now, our actual life being lived at present,
time = kairos; this time, this season, this period, this night, or this day – wherever the challenge is, it is the
NOW TO GOD WITH YOU.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Philippians 3:7-8

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:10

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

1 Peter 1:6-8

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WHEN TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

1b.) Be looking for the right perspective

vs. 18b

Romans 8:18b

are not worthy to be compared

worthy

grk: axios

appearing here in the negative, as in not weighty, not substantial, not detectable, not being in the same league, not deserving of attention in comparison.

Hebrews 12:2 NLT

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

compared

grk: pros

from one side to the other the side. (denotes motion from one place to another place), a local, transient location - moving onward toward a fixed point of location (heaven).

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WHEN TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

1c.) Be looking forward to the beginning

vs. 18c

Romans 8:18c

with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

glory grk: doxa

to the praise, honor, glory, to the brightness and beauty of God's glorie(s) and majesty. the eternal pleasure and joy of being in His presences.

\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ WARNING //////////////

do not think that heaven will be a quiet place, a somber, sterile environment.

revealed grk: apo'ka'lupto

to uncover, reveal, to make visible, the physical experience of meeting one who has long been expected.

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 *looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*, 14a who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us.

Remembering The Galilean Dogs

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Well – We've Been Loosed from Death and Sin

Psalms 27:1-6

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. 4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Psalm 150:1-6

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament! 2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness! 3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

**Praise Him with the lute and harp! 4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with
stringed instruments and flutes!**

5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

End of Study

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