

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?” — PART 2

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

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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.

**Beyond any other vocation, Beyond any other work,
the Christian has been singled out to accomplish the greatest of missions on earth!
And it began with a promise from Jesus Himself - to send to us
the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 24:46-49

Then Jesus said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

And that promise was given to us to equip us for the purpose of life
– real life!

Acts 1:4-5

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

That promise was fulfilled and is today
ever present and active.

Acts 1:8

And you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

So then why do we often fall victim to delay?

Why are we prone to procrastination when He has already given us all that we need, has placed us exactly where we’re supposed to be because He has already sent you & me out into this world?

Philippians 4:11b

For I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content.

(The word “**state**” in the Greek language here means “**California**”)

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

1.) When time is running out vs. 18

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.

1a.) Be looking to practice expectation vs. 18a

Romans 8:18a

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time

Your Perspective on Suffering Matters.

“The reality of suffering is one of, if not the most misunderstood reality in our human lives.

The question is often asked, “Why do good people suffer?” - the answer to that question theologically is simply blunt – “There are no good people.”

1 John 2:16-17

For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

We all live in a fallen world, and we ourselves are fallen and the world we live in is perishing apart from God.

If God is Good, Then Why The Pain?

“Expectation” in the Face of Human Suffering

This “Expectation” is the genesis of **hope** and hope gives birth to **purpose** and purpose gives birth to **endurance** – endurance, a word the western church knows very little of - - that’s about to change in our world.

Consider

grk: logizomai

to reckon, to count, we would say today – “run the numbers” or “let’s 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: pa’thema

that which befalls one (everyone of this world), hardships, grieving, crushing emotions, implying that life has its layers of pressures, compounding tribulations.

John 16:33

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 moment, now, our lives in real time.

time = kairos

now, seasons, periods, whenever the challenge is.

Be Looking to Practice Expectation

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.

A Spiritually Mature Man or Woman

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.

What To Do When It Hurts

(Consider a farmer or an investor or a mother = delayed gratification)

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,

(For the Christian, the greater the suffering, the greater the 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 that awaited 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

our sufferings now are not worthy to be compared

with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

This is a remarkable theology here!

glory grk: doxa

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

**\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\ WARNING **

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

revealed

grk: apokalupto

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 we 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.

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.**

**\\\\\\\\\\\\ Remembering The Galilean Dogs **

Someone's chain around his neck eventually grew into his skin the older the dog grew.

In John 11

What was Lazarus wrapped up in or with or by?

We've Been Loosed from Death and Sin

Psalm 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!

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