

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 3

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.

**For the professional religionist, the 1st century Jew,
*the Gospel of God was a threatening message,
a “too good to be true” message. – they hated Paul for preaching it.***

Habakkuk 2:4

**“Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him;
But the just shall live by faith.**

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, *“The just shall live by faith.”*

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Romans 1:17

**For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith;
as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."**

Galatians 3:11

**No man is justified by the law before God, is evident: for,
"The just shall live by faith"**

Hebrews 10:38

**But my righteous one(s) shall live by faith: and if he shrinks back,
my soul hath no pleasure in him.**

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

1.) When time is running out vs. 18

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

Romans 8:18a

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time

Consider

grk: logizomai

to reckon, to count, we would say today – "run the numbers" or "let's see HOW 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'the'ma

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

present time grk: nun

in THE moment, now, our lives in REAL TIME.

time = kairos

now, seasons, periods, whenever the challenge is.

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: axi'os**
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.

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).

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.

Let Me Say This On Your behalf;
“this is the most remarkable theology you could ever know.”

Glory **grk: dox'a**
to the praise of, to the honor of, to the glory of, to the brightness and beauty of God's glory and majesty be all GLORY. to the eternal pleasure and joy of being in His presence.

Revealed **grk: apo'kalup'to**
to uncover, reveal, to make visible, the physical experience of meeting one who has long been expected.

I am now repeating these verses from last time – because we need to
hear them again !

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.*

Colossians 3:4
When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with Him in glory.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

2.) When hope is increasing

vs. 19-21

Hope is one of if not, the most important ingredient that makes up the health and welfare of the human soul.

- just me

Romans 8:14-15

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

"In this hope we have been saved and by its power we now live."

- H.A. Ironside

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? WHEN HOPE IS INCREASING

2a.) Know that even nature is waiting

vs. 19

Romans 8:19

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

Earnest Expectation grk: apo'kara'dokia

a strained, anxious, "tip-toe" peering over the fence type of expectancy.

"The pains of childbirth are real pains, severe pains but they are not endless pains. Such pain only endures for a time. Nor are they hopeless pains.

On the contrary, they are filled with joyful expectations since under normal circumstance these pangs produce the birth of a brand-new child."

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones,
Westminster Chapel, London, England.

eagerly

grk: apekdechomai

to await eagerly because of expectation, having somewhere to go, to be getting ready, being ready to experience that which has been long waited for.

revealing

grk: apokalupsis

the uncovering, the exposing or bring out into the open, the root meaning to the book of revelation is this word – the apocalypse.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WHEN HOPE IS INCREASING

2b.) Know that a plan is unfolding

vs. 20

**For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly,
but because of Him who subjected it in hope;**

"IT'S THE ECONOMY, STUPID." - James Carville in 1992.

Well friend in reality "IT'S THE CREATION, SMARTY PANTS"

subjected

grk: hupo'tas'so

to place or rank below or under, to cause the submission.

futility

grk: mata'iotēs

vanity, void, undone or disconnected leading to emptiness.

unfulfilled desires. = broken desires, misplaced longings. consuming but never being satisfied

In life as well as whatever is good, whatever is beautiful,

whatever makes sense, these things are fingerprints of The Creator God –

The loving, perfect and awesome Creator God of Genesis !

Genesis 2:15-17

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:17-19

Then to Adam God said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, "You shall not eat of it': 'Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

From the moment sin entered their veins – they died spiritually which began their process of physical death which took another 930 years of decay.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

not willingly grk: hek'on

creation was polluted by sin - not of its own free will, not by volunteering, to creation (nature itself) was "sold out" by mankind by (eve's) wants.

**The Futility of the Environmentalist
(we cannot save ourselves but we must save earth)**

Isaiah 24:5-6

The earth also is polluted (cursed) under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed (cursed) the laws, violated (cursed) the statutes, broken (cursed) the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are found guilty (cursed): therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned (cursed), and few men shall be left.

Mankind and his relationship to the environment was now broken.

(the Green Religion today is the worshiping of the creation rather than the creator who made it all and what they're seeking to do will come to nothing because there's nothing that they can do about creation because both are fallen both corrupt both cannot be made complete without Christ. But with Christ in the end everything shall be renewed and made perfect – so perfect that even you and I will go up and hug a tree and will like it and so will the tree.

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Let's Get Back to the Future & The Good News of Redemption

Verse 20

**For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly,
but because of Him who subjected it in HOPE;**

**His Judgment Fell and is Now
in Effect till This Moment *and will be until -***

when He will arrive back to earth in the Great Second Coming to take His rightful place - then He will rule the world – and the **U.N., E.U., U.S.A., W.E.F., W.H.O., the A.C. and Hell Itself will not** be able to do a thing about it but..... Bow and Confess!!!

Isaiah 35:1-7

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God., 3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. for waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land - springs of water!

Isaiah 55:12

“For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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