**THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN US**

Romans 8:18-39

Key Verse 8:18

*“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”*

**\*Introduction[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. How did Paul view present sufferings and future glory (18)? What does the creation expect (19)? Why does creation suffer (20; Gen 3:17-18[[2]](#footnote-2))? For what does it groan in hope (21-22)?
2. How does Paul describe believers? (23) For what do we groan inwardly (Php 3:20-21[[3]](#footnote-3))? What is our true hope and how does it enable us to wait patiently (24-25)?
3. What are our weaknesses, and how do they affect our prayer (26a)? Who helps us and how (26b-27)? Why is the Spirit’s intercessory prayer effective?
4. What conviction do believers have, and on what basis (28)? What is the good which God works for (29-30)? How does Paul describe the process of God’s work in a believer’s life?
5. What does Paul emphasize in his rhetorical questions in verses 31-35? What problems do we confront and how can we overcome them?
6. How should believers regard sufferings (36)? What does it mean to be “more than conquerors” (37)? Who tries to separate us from God’s love, and why can they not (38-39)?

1. This passage gives a very wide perspective of God's great plan of redemption, which is the heart of Paul's theology.

   Paul speaks of God's plan for creation and the believer (18-25). Then he shows how central a place His children occupy in the plan that He is bringing to completion in history. (26-30) Finally, in Paul develops the fact that God will not lose one person whom He has foreknown, and he rejoiced in this great truth. He asked and answered seven questions to drive home this truth.(31-39) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Gen 3:17-18** To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Phil 3:20-21** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)