

ROMANS 8:18-25

VS. 18

- Consider—calculate / recon/ calculate
- Suffering now is insignificant when in view of eternity
- Suffering-any kind of suffering (internal or external)
- Glory=our experience in glorification
- Phil. 3:20-21...invest in our true home as aliens do (Matt 6:19-20)

VS. 19

- Creation is waiting for **our** glorification.
- Revealing--removal of a covering”...as a rocket made of simple brown paper into a burst of glory
- II Cor. 4:16-18

(read vs. 20 & 21...big picture = because of sin...all of creation was corrupted—He will one day free it...put it out of it’s misery and give it new life)

Vs. 20

- II Pet. 3:10-13...as we are convinced of our future...our present living and perspective will automatically be adjusted. We will have a whole different view of suffering for Christ

VS. 21—More on this later (Is.65:17 & 66:22 / Rev.21:1 & 21:7)

VS. 22—More on this later

VS. 23

- First fruits- offering given in faith acknowledging that the harvest had come from God and trusting that He had more to provide
- The Spirit has been given to s as a pledge (engagement ring)
 - Eph 1:13-14 / 4:30
 - He has redeemed and adopted us, but there is more to follow
 - This is how we can enjoy the best of both worlds our present redemption as well as it’s completion EX: HD TV coupon that we haven’t cashed in yet

This occurs when our bodies become immortal...we are seed! I Cor. 15:35-50. This is part of our inheritance as children of God.

Eagerly Awaiting...are you waiting eagerly for these things?

--Adoption...Rom. 8:14-15

--Redemption...II Cor. 4-7-5:10...MOVE THRU THIS PASSAGE SLOWLY)

**Adoption and Redemption together = Eph. 1:5-8

VS. 24

- We have been saved in hope...do you live in hope?
- If you're not living in hope...maybe you need to change your perspective...Col. 3:1-4
- The hope is what had just been expressed

Vs. 25

- We have hope and reason to GREATLY REJOICE!...even in the midst of trials
- I Pet. 1:6-9

Encourage one another with these words...I Thes. 5:1-11