

GOD WANTS A RELATIONSHIP

Not a Performance

Romans 5, 6, 7 & 8

**“Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son...
an heir through God” (Galatians 4:7)**

Study Number Ten – The Consummation of the Relationship – Romans – 8:18-27

We have looked thus far at the results of the relationship in chapter 5—the how of it. We are born in Adam, born in sin, and need to be born again by the Spirit of God into His family.

As a result of that decision to receive Christ as Savior, we are given the ticket of righteousness. It is not our own righteousness.

Under the Law God required righteousness from man by the keeping of the Law. Under grace God gives the gift of righteousness in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, when we come by faith and receive His Son, we then have the American Express card—the ticket's that good anywhere. The guarantee of our eternal destiny, because now we're no longer dependent upon our righteousness but the righteousness which God Himself requires given as a gift in His Son the Lord Jesus.

This brought us to Romans chapter 6. And in Romans 6 we found out that when we come to Christ, we are living in vital union with Him. And out of that vital union with Christ, there is the potential for victory in our lives over sin. We still have that nature within us.

The normal human tendency after we discover that nature is there, if we are a Christian, is to try to perform the works of the Law again, to endeavor to legislate righteousness in our personal lives. And we have learned that the Spirit of God is the One who will energize the new capacity for righteousness and that the Law terminated its relationship with us when it brought us to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Law only aggravates our old nature. Paul, in Romans 7, is aggravated. He's frustrated. He says "the good that I would I find I'm not doing, and that which I would not, I'm always doing." (ref. Romans 7:19)

In other words, he comes to the conclusion at Romans 7 that by himself he is helpless. He has no power, no ability, no strength to fight off the power of indwelling sin. The sooner we learn that lesson, the sooner we learn that we cannot, even as believers, perform works of righteousness. Things which are good where we learn to trust the Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been good to examine the life of the apostle Peter. We can gain new insight. Every time God dealt with him as a follower of the Lord Jesus, He dealt with him in the area of his

adequacy. Isn't that interesting?

The very first time he meets the Lord, the Lord says, "Let's go fishing." Peter happens to be an authority on fishing. He graduated from Jerusalem A&M in marine biology and nobody could tell him anything about fishing. And yet the Lord says, "Let's go fishing."

The Lord says, "Let's go fishing at an inconvenient time in the middle of the day." And Peter knew that nighttime was the best time to catch them in the nets. That's why they stayed all night fishing. But Peter goes and the Lord fills his net.

And the Lord again shows to Peter that he needs to trust Him that He knows how to handle things even better. The next time we see him, he's trying to be adequate again because he always knows what to say. He ends up saying the wrong thing.

Next time we see him he's mister big leader. The next time we see him, he's denying Christ.

Isn't it amazing how God is always using the experiences of our lives to try to bring us to a point of dependence where we'll get off our proud, haughty attitude and we'll come to a moment of complete devastation and surrender. The Lord doesn't have to deal with us in the area of our strengths. We already know we have to be dependent upon Him in those areas and so naturally the Lord would zero in on the areas that are a problem to Him. And those are the areas where we

think we can handle it.

And one of the areas that Christians so often think that they're capable is in the victory over sin and that's why they make reformation and resolutions and all these things. Because they say, "I'm not going to do it," and then they turn right around and do it and they're back in a guilt-syndrome again. They're facing the frustration of failure. And we by ourselves cannot do it. Paul has told us that.

In Romans 8 he's introduced the Spirit of God and he has said the Spirit of God dwells within us at the moment of our new birth. And He is capable of energizing that new nature to victory in our life over sin. But we have to come to the place where we surrender and allow the power of the Spirit to flow through our lives, energizing that nature.

We concluded our last study with that marvelous verse that talks about our suffering with Christ in anticipation of coming glory. He's talking about the fact that in this new relationship we are sons and daughters. And as sons and daughters we are going to suffer while we're here.

It is a foregone conclusion that as a Christian we're going to suffer. But notice in verse 17 it says we are "suffering with Him."

There's great comfort when we suffer together. And when we suffer, the Lord Jesus suffers with us.

Colossians 1:24 talks about filling up the sufferings of Christ which is lacking.

On the road to Damascus the Lord Jesus asks Saul of Tarsus “Why are you persecuting Me?” (ref. Acts 9:4) And his persecution of the Lord Jesus was by the persecution of those who had a relationship with Him.

Maybe we’re suffering today. Maybe we need to recognize the fact that we are going to suffer. We say, “well if I’m going to suffer then I’m not going to become a Christian because I don’t want to suffer.” We’ll either suffer now or we’ll suffer later.

There was a Fram oil filter ad where they’re bringing all these wrecked vehicles into the graveyard and there’s a guy dressed in his old dirty clothes. He holds up a Fram oil filter and says, “See me now or see me later!”

In essence that’s the way life is. We can suffer now and have glory later or we can try to make something out of the mess now and be comfortable here and suffer later because we violated principles of scripture which related to a relationship with God.

Now why does the apostle say that we’re going to suffer as a Christian? Why is it a foregone conclusion?

Because we have a nature that is rebellious against God that’s still there. Because we are proud. We’re stubborn. We’re egotistical, we’re self-centered. We like to do things our way.

And there is no gain without pain. There's no growth without sorrow. And the only tool that God has to use in our lives to produce these qualities is the tool of suffering.

The apostle is saying we don't suffer by ourselves. The Lord Jesus suffers with us while we're going through these lessons of experience in our lives being made Christlike.

But now we pick up at verse 18 and we come to the consummation of the relationship.

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The apostle says, “You know, we get so upset by the hard times we face as Christians, by the sufferings that come into our lives.” But in the midst of that he says, “I've got an opinion as a Christian. What I have to suffer now is nothing compared to the glory that's going to result later.”

He's looking beyond the present dilemma of suffering to the anticipation of glory that is ahead. He's lifting his eyes off of the stress of the track to the tape at the finish line and he says there's no comparison.

It's almost like he has a scale with the two pans on each side. And he puts all of the suffering in one scale and he puts all of the glory in the other pan. And he says when he puts those two together, this so far outweighs it. It's like feathers on this side of the scale in comparison to the glory that's about to be revealed.

Do we believe that? Are we living in anticipation of the marvelous, glorious future that is ours as a believer? We've already learned that we're sons/daughters of God. We have an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that's not going to fade away in glory. What a marvelous anticipation!

1 Corinthians 2:9

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which God, the Lord, hath prepared for them that love him.

1 John 3:2

And soon we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

It's about to be revealed to us and it's about to be revealed in us. The anticipation of glory that is ahead.

Now why does the apostle seem to underscore the fact that as a Christian, we're going to suffer? There are basically three reasons that we've come to in the text that we've read.

1. First, we're going to suffer because we're in a human, mortal body.

Some of us are getting older. Some of us are facing the realization that we aren't what we used to be. There are aches and pains. There are things which hurt now that didn't hurt then. We can't do things like we used to do and there is a painful awareness of deterioration. This will increase until the time of our physical demise.

We are all called to walk through the valley of the shadow of death that is unless the Lord Jesus comes to take us to be with Himself.

So it is, the apostle says, that because we live in this body that is the only instrument that Satan has to use to the performance of sin. There are consequences of that. It is inevitable. We are going to suffer because of the body in which we live.

2. Secondly, we're going to suffer because of sin. We have sinned and we will continue to sin until we go to glory. And the consequences of sin is suffering.

3. And thirdly, we have two natures that are conflicting for dominance in our lives. The old nature is still there but we have this new divine nature and that warfare that goes on within us constantly produces an unsettled sense of strife and suffering.

But the apostle says this:

2 Corinthians 4:17

The light affliction which is but for a moment works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Our life is lived like the decreasing term policy in the insurance business? Maybe we have a lot now but we're going to lose it. Our life is being lived on a decreasing term scale. What is that decreasing term? It's where we get a whole lot of insurance while we're young to protect us in case of an inadvertent death, premature demise. And then it decreases as we get older because we don't have any more need of it.

And that's the way people without God live, on the basis of decreasing term. A man with God and Jesus Christ living within his life and the righteousness of Christ is his own, is living a whole life policy. We are building up in anticipation of glory by the life we're living, a beautiful experience that will issue into glory.

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Isn't it good to know we're not suffering by ourselves? Who's suffering with us? We've already said that the Lord Jesus Christ was. That's back in verse 17. We suffer with Him.

He says in verse 18 that as Christians it's a foregone conclusion that we're going to suffer. But now in verse 19 there's somebody else suffering with us. What is it? It's the creation around us.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed in the garden, the effects of their sin also touched creation. There was a curse pronounced upon the created world. Thorns and thistles speak of that. The thorns on Christ's head on the Cross were an indication of Him bearing the curse of creation.

Our ecologists and environmentalists today are trying to keep what we've got. We don't need what we have. Nature frustrates itself with ice storms, with tornadoes, with weeds and crabgrass. There's one thing then that offsets it by something far more terrible. We've lived enough with these travesties of nature to recognize that it's under the curse.

But what's going to happen when we as the sons and daughters of God are liberated from the curse of sin and death? So will creation be! What a marvelous thing we have to look forward to! The glory of the sons of God coming into their own and for the first time, creation lives and breathes as God intended it to, removed of the curse.

When will creation be relieved of the curse? It says, “the revelation of the sons of God.” Who are the “sons of God”? We are. Remember in our last study we said we’re born again to the family, we’re sons and daughters of His? When’s our revelation going to take place? At our graduation.

We read in 1 Thessalonians:

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ, the sons and daughters of God who are dead in Christ will be raised first. And we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with Him in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

This will be the beginning of the liberation of the entire created world system and humanity upon it from the curse of sin and death. It will finally issue in the new heavens and the new earth described in Revelation chapter 21 and 22.

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Creation didn’t want to go under the curse because of what

happened in the Garden of Eden and man's sin. Creation wanted to be free! The lion wanted to lay down with the lamb. There wanted to be within creation this sweet sense of love rather than conflict and living to survive.

Creation was not subjected to this frustration by its own free will.

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Why did God allow the curse to fall upon creation as well as upon man? In anticipation that one day as a result of the death of Jesus Christ, man would be liberated. Man's liberation would also issue in the liberation of the created world from the curse of sin and death.

One commentator described the curse upon nature and the world like this:

Nature with its melancholy chorus resembles a bride who at the very moment when she is fully attired for the marriage sees the bridegroom die. She stands with her fresh crown and in her bridal dress, and her eyes are full of tears.
(source unknown)

We only need to witness around us what happens in creation to discover it's under the curse.

What's Paul telling us? He's telling us, “Look up. The suffering now's not so bad. Creation is under it. The

environment's going to be relieved of it. We're going to be relieved of it. We have a glorious anticipation that's ahead!"

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Paul says:

1 Corinthians 15:51

I show you mystery, we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed.

How quickly is it going to happen? In a moment! In the twinkling of an eye the trumpet will sound and this mortal will put on immortality. This which is subject to corruption and decay will no longer have that capacity.

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Get the big picture. The Lord Jesus suffers, we suffer and creation suffers in the whole thing. There will not come a total healing until the Lord Jesus comes and we're liberated from this nature and from the curse of the world around us. Liberated to the glory that's yet to be ours.

It's sort of like nature, too, in another realm, what is being described in these verses. The caterpillar takes the threads and he begins to weave a tapestry around himself. And it seems that it becomes more and more restrained and soon it is dormant. It looks like he has weaved a coffin about himself. But shortly thereafter there comes movement. And then emerges a beautiful wing and then another wing! And then finally that little house falls off and where once we had a hairy worm crawling in the dust, we now have a beautiful butterfly soaring in the heavens.

All that tapestry was being weaved together for something beautiful. That's the way God describes our life. The suffering right now is being weaved together as part of the tapestry and we're so close to it we can't see it.

But Paul says just because we can't see it, it's still there. We can anticipate the glory that's ahead will be fantastic! And when we get to the next study, we have that great verse: "All things work together for good to them that love God and to those who are the called according to His purpose." (ref. Romans 8:28)

What a way to end a passage on human suffering of the

creation of the church and of Christ, but to tell us that God is weaving that together. So, one day we soar in the heavens over the tapestry and we see what God has been doing. And it'll all be transformed by the coming of the Lord.

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He says we have an advantage over creation. When we became Christians the Spirit of God came in as a first fruit.

Paul in Ephesians describes the Spirit as an “earnest.” That’s an engagement ring.

When the Holy Spirit came to dwell in our life it was the Lord saying, “Look, I want you for a permanent relationship.” And it’s just like when a husband puts that ring on his wife’s finger and says, “Honey, I want you permanently. I want to make this official. I want this to be always and forever, till death do us part. Honey, I love you and I’m making a commitment to you.”

When God answered our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the

Father gave us the Holy Spirit and said, “Here’s your engagement ring. This is just a down payment but as the relationship continues it’s going to get better and better.”

And we as believers have the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit to energize this new nature to victory to give us just a little foretaste of what’s coming ahead. We though are still groaning within ourselves. Why? We still have that nature. We still have that body. We’re only half saved. We really haven’t been glorified completely yet. We’re not completely like the Lord Jesus. We still shed tears. We still hurt. We still have accidents. We still have problems.

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:2 that: “We groan earnestly, desiring to be clothed upon with a house which is in the heavens.”

The Psalmist in Psalm 6:6 says: “I am weary with groaning all the night. Make I my bed to swim, I water my couch with tears.”

The Lord Jesus even had the experience of groaning within Himself as in John chapter 11 He came to Mary and Martha at the time of the death of Lazarus. He says He groaned earnestly within Himself, He hurt so bad. And then He expressed it outwardly as He began to cry when He saw Mary in the hour of her grief and sorry. The Lord Jesus too groaned. (ref. John 11:33-38)

And we do. Why? Because we’re in an unredeemed body. We’re

just like the apostle Paul when we left back in chapter 7. He says, “Oh wretched man that I am. Who’ll deliver me from the body of this death?” (ref. Romans 7:24)

The answer to that question’s right here. The Lord Jesus is going to deliver us from that body of death. We’re going to be like the Lord Jesus Christ and we’re going to have a new resurrection body.

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The hope of the Christian faith is truly that. It’s not something we can see. It’s something we have to believe. As we read these marvelous verses today, we have to lift our eyes and our head heavenward. And by the Spirit of God illuminating our mind, we begin to discern and to anticipate and to expect the glories of what is yet ahead.

We can’t see it but we hope. The Lord said to Thomas when He was there in that room and He’d finally put out His hands and showed him His side, He says, “You know Thomas, you’ve had to see but blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (ref. John 20:29)

As a believer with that kind of hope of glory, what are we

supposed to do with our suffering? Try to get out of it? Try to avoid it? No. It's that patient endurance of what's there, because a sovereign God is weaving that as part of all things to make us like His Son and to enrich our anticipation of what is yet ahead in glory.

Verse 25 tells you that.

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Remember in one of our previous studies? We “lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and we run with patience, with endurance, the race that is set before us.” (ref. Hebrews 12:1)

That's the attitude the Lord expects of us when we face this sorrow, when we face this suffering. It doesn't affect our relationship with Him. We don't get bitter and angry. We're sweetly submissive to the disciplines that He feels necessary to bring into our lives to make us more like His Son.

Because creation is under the curse, we can see that constantly. We need to realize we are too. And because we are, we're going to suffer. And it only enriches the anticipation of

glory when the whole thing will be dealt with.

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Isn't it great to know that the Holy Spirit understands that? And He takes over in our weakness and intercedes for us with sighs that are too deep for words. Why are we suffering? Because of our body? Because of our environment? And because of the satanic world system in which we all live? We suffer because of sin. We suffer because of Satan. And we suffer because of the curse.

And in these times of suffering sometimes it becomes so difficult, we're brought to silence.

There are a lot of folks who feel that this is one verse in the Bible that provides the basis for praying in tongues or speaking things that are ecstatic or unintelligible. That cannot be the case because as we have learned in our discourse and study, tongues is a language, and this is not a language.

And besides, the Word of God nowhere tells us that this is something we should do. This is something that happens because we're hurting. And to introduce a foreign concept and a foreign thought into the realm of a passage on suffering and salvation is violating every principle of biblical interpretation.

What is being said here is that when we come to that moment when it hurts so bad, we can't pray, the Spirit of God with our sighs and groanings—because He knows all things—takes over and lets the Father know in an intelligible language the need of our heart.

Isn't it neat to know that when we can't even speak because we hurt, God can and He takes over for us? He understands us, He knows all things. He knows how we feel.

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
uttered or unexpressed.
The motion of a hidden fire
that trembles in the breast.
Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
the falling of a tear.

The upward glancing of an eye
when none but God is near.
(source unknown)

When something catches us on the blindside and we hurt so bad we can't say anything, there's a comfort as a Christian to know that the Holy Spirit is there to minister to our need.

There are four marvelous things the Spirit of God does for us as Christians.

1. He gives us victory over the flesh by energizing our new nature.
2. He verifies our sonship whereby we cry "Abba Father!"
3. He attests to our inheritance.
4. When it comes time to pray in the bondage of human suffering, He takes over.

It was Alvin Johnson in his book *Freedom Letter* who says the kind of prayer we're talking about here is:

When one of our preschoolers desires to write grandma a letter my wife gives her a sheet of paper and a pencil and she expresses her feelings in lines and circles and zig-zag marks. They are truly unintelligible signs. When Mother gets the paper back she adds certain intelligible words to appropriate marks on the paper such as "Hello Granny," with an arrow to

the first few scribblings, “we miss you,” with an arrow to the next ones, and finally, “Come visit us soon. I love you, Lynn.” Mother truly has interceded for Lynn to Granny even as the Spirit intercedes for us to the Father in times of our great need.

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Psalm 139:23

Search me, O God and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1 John 2:1

If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Basically in these verses we've looked at somewhat of the consummation of the relationship.

In Romans 8 we have discovered that the Spirit is there. That we are sons/daughters and as such we're going to suffer. But we're not going to suffer alone. Christians suffer. Christ suffers and so does the creation.

Here are the lessons we learn from our study together:

Lesson #1: Through our relationship to Jesus as we look forward to the ultimate deliverance from the curse of sin to the glorious future He has for us, that will enable us to continue with patient perseverance through the suffering and trials of the present experience.

Lesson #2: What we have to suffer now can't be compared to the glory coming soon.

Lesson #3: It is the CROSS then the CROWN. It is the GORY then the GLORY. It is the SUFFERING then the SALVATION.

Lesson #4: While we are waiting with passionate longing for the Savior's coming, Titus 2:12-13 tells us what to do: "It trains us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, as we wait for the happy fulfillment of our hope in the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior,

Jesus Christ” (NET).

Lesson #5: The creation will be freed from the curse when our Lord returns.

We need to ask ourselves these questions:

Where do I stand in my relationship with God through Jesus Christ?

Do I know that I have by faith received Him?

That I have made that personal commitment?

Perhaps when we have our closing word of prayer, we’re saying, “God I realize that I’ve been trying to do all this on my own. I’ve been trying to be righteous and You’ve got a gift to give me.”

Maybe we’re a Christian and we’re suffering and we feel it’s God’s will for us to be totally liberated from that. It won’t until the curse is lifted, till we go to glory? That our suffering is not because God is unhappy with us, but it’s to mold and to build character, to produce endurance to make us more Christlike. And there’s great comfort in knowing that the suffering we’re going through now is nothing compared to the glory that’s going to be revealed later.

There are a lot of people living in the world today who think they can join a church, they think they can be baptized, they

think they can do one thing or another. They're living with a false sense of security that one day they're going to go see Jesus.

Those things will not substitute for coming in simple admission of sin and destitution and a need of a relationship with Christ, receiving Him into our life. Then righteousness is a gift and we can be sure forever, as we're going to discover in our next two studies, that our eternal destiny is settled.

Our heavenly Father, we've studied this magnificent portion that is related to our suffering and our sonship. And Lord we pray that You'll teach us as believers how to relate to the things that are happening in our lives and to see them as instruments to make us like Your Son. And Father we pray that You'll also bring sweet comfort to us that when we hurt so bad that we can't say anything, You understand. That the Spirit of God prays for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Romans 8:18-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Paul compare suffering and glory in verse 18?

3. What is the desire of creation, according to verse 19?

4. What is going to happen to creation, according to verse 21?

5. What are we as believers waiting for, according to verse 23?

6. How does Paul describe our condition in verses 24 & 25?

7. How is the Spirit helping us in verse 26?

8. What function is being carried out in verse 27?

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LESSON #9: The Spirit helps us when we hurt so bad we can't say anything.

LESSON #10: The Lord is continually searching our hearts. What is He finding there?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
