

SERMON NOTE: Be Filled With The Spirit-The Glory Of GOD's Children

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Bible Ref: Romans 8:18-30 NIV

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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Facing Suffering as GOD'S children

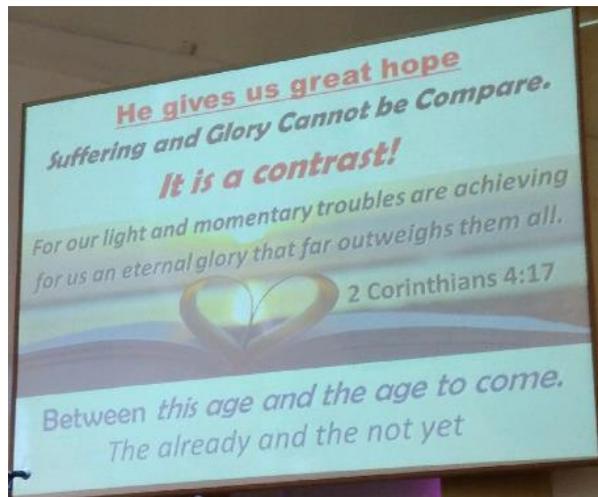
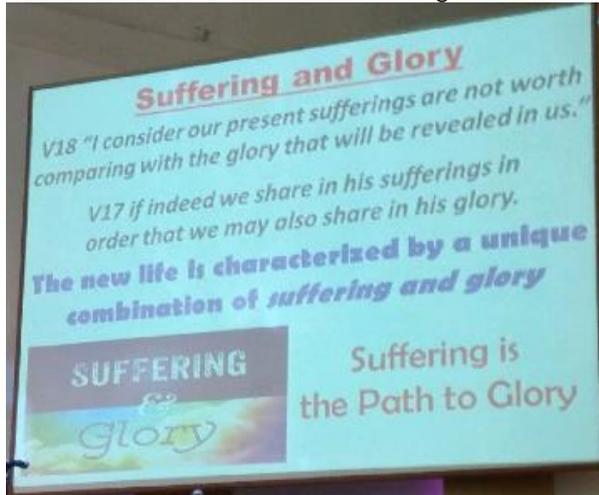
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Romans 8 Life in the Spirit
Assurance for the children of GOD
V11-13 The Spirit is the Spirit of Life
V14-17 The Spirit is the Spirit of Adoption
V18-30 The Spirit is the Spirit of Glory

Suffering and Glory
Suffering not worth comparing with the
Glory



V17 indeed we share in HIS suffering in order we may also share HIS Glory

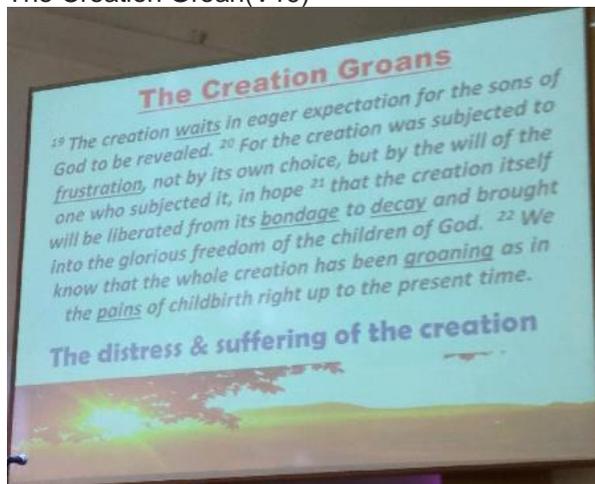


2 Corinthians 4:17 NIV

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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The Creation Groan(V19)



But it groans with Expectation

The Believers Groan
23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

**We have experienced
The firstfruits of the Spirit**

*The indwelling Spirit gives us joy,
the coming glory gives us hope,
and the interim suspense gives us pain.*



But it groans with expectation
19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

**Gk word for 'eager expectation'
'apokaradokia'**

Standing on tiptoe straining himself looking out

**Fr groaning bondage
to glorious liberty
Birth pain of
sorrow turning to joy**



The Believers Groan (V23)

Our great inheritance!

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*Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.
Both now and in the future
Sharers of Christ in his
relationship with the Father*

**Sharers of
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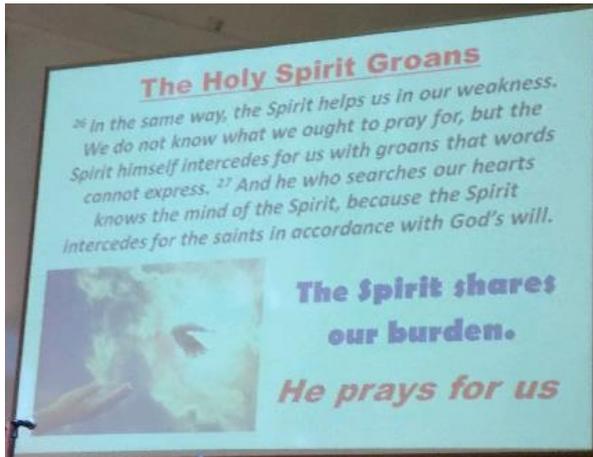
Groan with eager confident and Patient hope (24)

The Holy Spirit Groans (26)

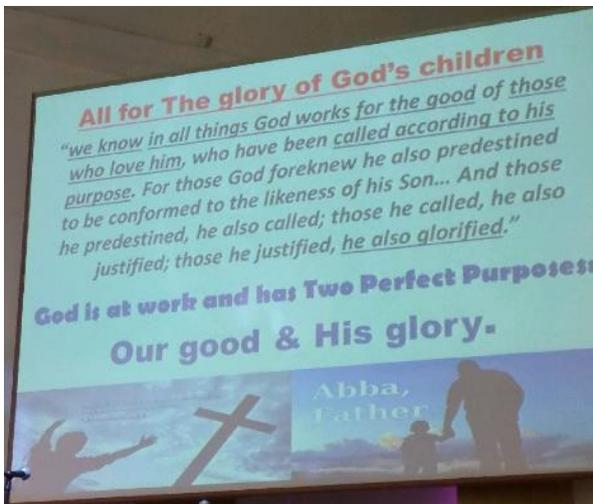
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24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

**A Life of Faith
Balance between
Eagerness and
Patience**

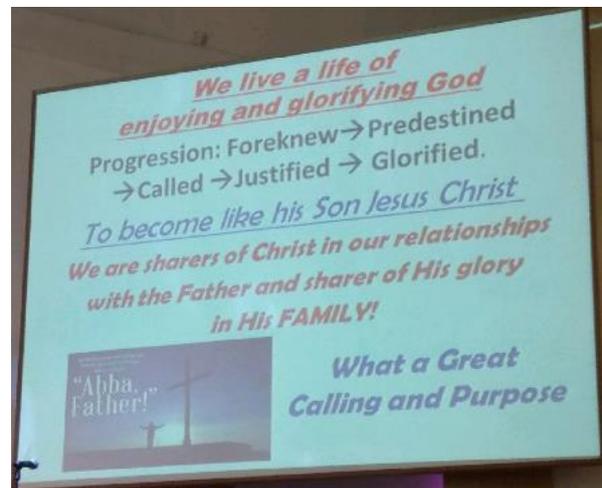




But the spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

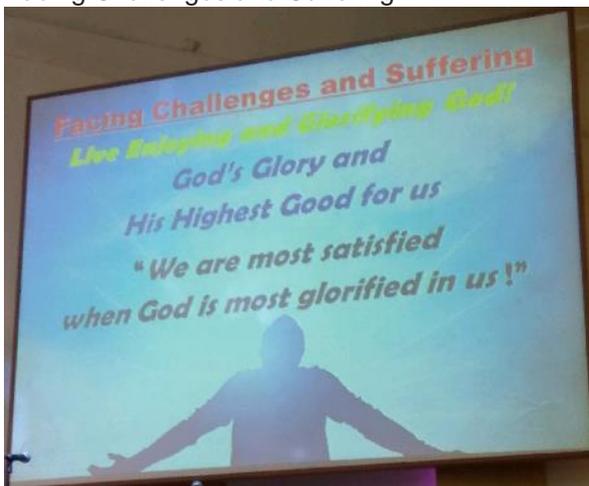


All for the Glory of Children



We live a life of enjoying and glorifying GOD

Facing Challenges and Suffering



Pray and Live Intimately with the Father
Christ the Hope of our Glory of God
Romans 5:1-5

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ² Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**FELLOWSHIP
WITH
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**



I am a child of God
See how much He loves me
1 John 3:1

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!



**Totally Secure
in the
Father's Love**