

Series: Romans VIII: Acceptance
Message: I Can Now Accept Suffering, Part One
Scripture: Romans 8:16-18
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Romans 8:16-27

¹⁶ *The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,*
¹⁷ *and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.*
¹⁸ *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*
¹⁹ *For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly 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 *that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*
²² *For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*
²³ *And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.*
²⁴ *For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?*
²⁵ *But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*
²⁶ *In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;*
²⁷ *and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

1. For The Christian, There Is A Direct Correlation Between Suffering And Glory.
vs. 16-17

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1 Peter 1:6-7

⁶*In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,*

⁷*so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

2. For The Christian, There Is An Encouraging Consolation During Times Of Suffering. vs. 18

Romans 8:18

¹⁸*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

²⁴*Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes.*

²⁵*Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.*

²⁶*I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;*

²⁷*I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.*

²⁸*Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.*

Romans 8:22

²²*For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*

Next Weeks:

3. We Presently Live In An Age In Which All Creation, Including Our Bodies, Have Been Subjected To Futility And Enslaved To Corruption. Vs. 19-23

4. During This Present Age, God Controls Who Suffers And To What Degree They Suffer, Yet Always With A Glorious Design In Mind. vs. 20

5. We Groan Eagerly And With Joyous Expectation As Those Who Have A Sure Hope And A Sure Help. Vs. 23-27