

# Holy Spirit LIFE

## Sermon Series - Romans 8

### LIFE OF EXPECTANCY (Romans 8:18-30)

We can handle ANY problem when we remember three things:

#### I. We \_\_\_\_\_ in the suffering of Christ.

*“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”* 1 Peter 5:10 (NAS)

#### II. The present sufferings are \_\_\_\_\_ to the future glory.

*“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”* 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

##### A. The Groaning of Creation (Romans 8:9-22)

Four truths to remember about creation:

1. It began as a \_\_\_\_\_ creation.
2. It became a \_\_\_\_\_ creation.

*“To Adam He said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat of it,” cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plant of the field.’”* Genesis 3:17-18 (NIV)

3. It now waits as a \_\_\_\_\_ creation.
4. One day it will become a \_\_\_\_\_ creation.

##### B. The Groaning of Believers (Romans 8:23-25)

*“While we live in this body, we have burdens, and we groan. We do not want to be naked, but we want to be clothed with our heavenly home. Then this body that dies will be fully covered with life.”* 2 Corinthians 5:4 (NCV)

##### C. The Groaning of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26-27)

- The Greek word for **helps** is *sunantilambano*.
- The **groanings** are the divine appeal for our spiritual welfare.

### III. In all things God \_\_\_\_\_ for our good. (Romans 8:28-30)

*“We know that in everything God works for the good for those who love Him.”* Romans 8:28 (NCV)

*“We know that to those who love God who are called according to His plan everything that happens fits into a pattern for good.”* (Phillips)

#### A. The Purpose of God’s plan:

- God has two purposes in His plan: Our \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”* Romans 8:29 (NIV)

What good can come out of suffering and trial?

- To make us like \_\_\_\_\_.
- To glorify His Son, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. The Progress of God’s plan:

*“For those God foreknew he also predestined... And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”* Romans 8:29-30 (NIV)

- The progress of God’s plan involves five major elements: foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification.
  - Foreknowledge: God’s setting His love upon (choosing) those who would be conformed to His Son’s image.
  - Predestination: God’s determining the destiny of those upon whom He has set His love.
  - Calling: God’s effectual call from death to life those upon whom He has set His love.
  - Justification: God’s declaring as righteous those who have repented and believed.
  - Glorification: God’s fulfillment of His purposes- the making of fallen sinners into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ, for eternity.
- The working of good things in my life is not \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_.