



THE HOPE PERSPECTIVE ROMANS 8:18-28

Hope: The confident assurance that the best is yet to come!

Effective hope...

is not _____

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is a _____ **stemming from a deeply held world view.**

What Is My Hope In Suffering?

1. _____ is _____

I **consider** that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Romans 8:18 NIV

For all creation is waiting eagerly **for that future day** when God will reveal who his children really are. Romans 8:18,19 NLT

2. _____ is _____

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's **curse**. But with **eager hope**, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. Romans 8:20,21 NLT

3. _____ is _____

For we know that **all creation has been groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:22 NLT

And **we believers also groan**, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with **eager hope** for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved. Romans 8:23,24a NLT

4. _____ is _____

And the Holy Spirit **helps us in our weakness**. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit **prays for us with groanings** that cannot be expressed in words. Romans 8:26 NLT

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**. Romans 8:28 NIV

QUESTIONS

For personal reflection or group discussion

1. Do you tend to be a pessimist or an optimist?
2. What's your hope level on a scale of 1-10? What would change if you embraced the fact that God is working to redeem even the current crisis, and will bring good out of it?
3. Which of the four key truths from the weekend message is easiest for you to believe? Which is hardest?
4. Was there ever a time in your past when you felt hopeless? What have you learned since then that can help you now?
5. How can you bring someone hope this week?

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