

THE TIME OF GLORY
Romans 8:18-23

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul has written a biblical principle
 - 1) If we suffer with Christ we shall also be glorified together with Him. vs. 17
 - 2) Vs. 18

- B. When will this time of glorification be?
 - 1) The principle time will be the 1,000 years
 - 2) It will never cease! Ephesians 3:21 - "...unto Him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout..."

- I. All of Creation Has Been Effectuated vs. 19
 - A. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." vs. 19
 - 1) "earnest expectation" = apokaradomia = "a looking away towards anything with the head bent forward." (apo = "from", kara = "the head" = dokeuo = "to look")
 - 2) "creature" = ktisis = "a founding", "settling", "foundation", "a making or creation", "that which was created"
 - 3) "waiteth" = apekdechomai = "to wait out", "to wait long for", "await ardently"
 - 4) "manifestation" = apokalupsis = "an unveiling", "uncovering", "revealing"
 - 5) "sons of God" = uion tou theou
 - 6) "All creation is yearning, longing to see the manifestation of the Sons of God." Wey
 - 7) The entire creation of God awaits the time when God reveals His glory in His people. for at this time, it too, will experience release from Satan's power.

 - B. "For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope." vs. 20
 - 1) "creature" = ktisis = "creation"
 - 2) "subject" = upotasso = "to range or put under", "to subordinate", "to make subject"
 - 3) "vanity" = mataiotes = "emptiness"
 - 4) "not willingly" = ouk = "not", ekon = "out of free will", "voluntary", "wittingly"
 - 5) "by reason" = dia = "on account of"
 - 6) "hope" = elpis = "hope", "expectation of something future", "a gladly held, firm prospect"
 - 7) "...to decay, not by its own free choice, but by the will of him who subjected it in hope....."
 - 8) God placed the earth in bondage to the fruit of sin not because it had sinned but because its inhabitants had sinned. He did not wish it to produce lavishly under sins control.

II. The Entire Creation Will Be Delivered vs. 21

- A. "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."
- 1) "creature" = ktisis = "creation"
 - 2) "delivered" = eleutheroo = "to free", "set at liberty"
 - 3) "bondage" = douleia = "servitude", "slavery"
 - 4) "corruption" = phthora = "a spoiling", "destruction"
 - 5) "glorious" = doxes = "of glory"
 - 6) "liberty" = eleutheria = "freedom to go where one pleases"
 - 7) "Because the entire universe will at that time be set free from its slavery to rot and decay and will partake in the glorious circumstances that come to the children of God."

- B. This will be during the time of the regeneration spoken of by Jesus.
- 1) Matthew 19:27-29
 - 2) "followed" = akoloutheo = "to follow one", "to go after or with someone"
 - 3) "regeneration" = paliggenesia = palin = "again", "back again" + genesis = "creation"
 - 4) The time of reward for man, a time of fruition for the earth, a time of peace for the creatures, free from their bondage.
 - 5) The song of redemption. Revelation 5:9-13

III. The Burden of Sin's Servants vs. 22-23

- A. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."
- 1) "creation" = ktisis = "creation"
 - 2) "groaneth" = stenazo = "to groan", "to sigh", "as of persons in distress", "to groan together"
 - 3) "travaileth" = sunodino = "to jointly bear the pain and throes of child birth"
 - 4) "It is plain to anyone with eyes to see that at the present time all created life groans in a sort of universal travail."
- B. "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit",
- 1) "first fruits" = aparche = "the first portion of the harvest, regarded both as a first installment and as a pledge of final delivery of the whole"
 - 2) We have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge or token from God to at some time do for us all that He has promised.
 - 3) Ephesians 1:11-14
 - 4) "But we (Christians like Paul and the Romans, saved, immersed) to whom the Spirit is given as first fruits of the harvest to come."

- C. "even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."
- 1) "groan" = stenazo = "to sigh"
 - 2) "even we ourselves are sighing inwardly"
 - 3) "waiting" = spekedchomai = "to wait out", "to wait long for", "await ardently"
 - 4) "adoption" = uiiothesia = "receiving into relation as a son"
 - 5) "redemption" = apolutrosis = "to release on the receipt of a ransom"
 - 6) "while we eagerly await our full adoption as sons the redemption of our bodies" TENT

IV. To Sum It All Up

- A. All of creation is a slave to sins consequences.
- 1) Man, woman, animals, vegetables, animals, soil, streams, air.
 - 2) We cannot lose ourselves.
- B. The redemption work of Christ frees all of the creation.
- 1) We all, "groan", together
 - 2) Resurrection will be the final act for man.

