

### THE SUFFERING OF THE PRESENT, VS. 18-25

1. "... the sufferings of this present time are *not worthy* to be compared with the glory which **shall be** revealed in us."
2. Creation is eagerly waiting, v. 19
  - a. The sons of God to be revealed, v. 19
  - b. Creation was granted hope, v. 20
  - c. Creation will be delivered, v. 21
  - d. Creation groaning and labors with birth pangs, v. 22
3. "... the first- fruit of the spirit" grace is the first-fruits of glory
  - a. Groans that are symptoms of life not death – Matthew Henry
  - b. Eagerly waiting for the adoption, v. 23
  - c. Waiting for our bodies to be redeemed,, v. 23 to have bodies like Christ.
    1. Philippians 3:21
    2. 1 Corinthians 15:42
  - d. Adoption manifested before all the world, angels, and men. AS Christ was, so the saints will be, declared to be the sons of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead. Cp Romans 1:4
  - e. We have the invisible hope, v. 25
  - f. We wait with perseverance, v. 25

### THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE PRESENT, VS. 26-30

1. Helps our weakness for we don't know what we should pray
2. The Spirit makes intercession, v. 26
3. Jesus makes intercession for us, v. 27
4. We pray the mind of God, therefore "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from ME, Says the LORD." Isaiah 54:17
5. "And we **know** that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Verse 28
  - a. Jesus said "many are called but few are chosen." Matthew 20:16, 22:14

### WHO CAN SEPARATE US FROM OUR INHERITANCE? VS. 31-39

1. "If God be for us who can be against us?" v. 31
2. Nothing of God's good pleasure will be held from us, v.32
3. No charges can be brought against you, v.33
4. Who can separate us from the love of God? V35
5. We are more than conquerors, v. 37
6. Nothing can separate us from God's love, vs. 38, 39

ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH ABANDON THE LIE AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE? TODAY IS THE DAY!