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V. Living by Grace in a Sinful World
Part 4: 8:18-39 “Living by the Spirit”

Rom 6:1-8:39

1. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be (“about to be”) revealed in us. (2 Cor 5:1; Php 3:17-21)

a. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

b. For the creation was subjected to frustration, (e.g. Isa 24:4-6)

- Not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it,
- In hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

c. We know that the whole creation has been groaning {together} as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. (Natural disasters, war, famine, etc.)

- Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. (2 Cor 4:18; 5:1-10)
- For in this hope (“anticipation, faith”) we were saved.
 - * But hope that is seen is no hope at all. (“*Hope here in this passage is expectant waiting*”)
 - * Who hopes for what they already have (“sees”)?
 - * But if we hope for what we do not yet have (“see”), we wait for it patiently. *A confident and expectant waiting* (e.g. 1 Pet 1:7-9)
 - * *And we, as part of creation deal with the results of sin and long for the healing of all. (Php 3:20-21). We have a glorious future and a productive present.*

Be encouraged - the renewal is coming!

2. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness (“weakness”). E.g. Jhn 14:15-27

a. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. *He helps, comforts, advocates for us.* (Mtt 6:8; Heb 4:16)

b. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. (1 Jhn 5:13-15)

Be encouraged - God helps His people in this fallen world

3. 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. (Eph 2:8-10; Jhn 15:1-8)

a. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. See Col 1:18

b. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

Be encouraged - our future is secure (Php 1:6)

4. What, then, shall we say in response to these things?

a. If God is for us, who [can be] against us? (E.g. Psm 118:6)

- He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? (Rom 3:21-24)
- Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. (Jhn 19:30; Heb 1:3)
- Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. (Heb 7:25)
- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
 - * Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
 - * As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” (Psm 44:22; Jhn 15:18-20; 1 Jhn 2:1)

b. No, in all these things we are more than (“super, overwhelming”) conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither:

- death nor life,
- angels nor demons, (e.g. Eph 6:12)
- the present nor the future,
- nor any powers
- height nor depth,
- nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Jhn 10:25-30; Php 1:6)

Be encouraged - God is for us.