**Exploring Romans**

**Lesson 10**

**From Suffering to Glory**

Read Romans 8:18-27

 Memory Work: Romans 8:18

 1.a. Why is sharing with Christ’s suffering worth the pain? Romans 8:17, 18.

 b. What kind of sufferings had Paul gone through? II Corinthians 11:22-33; 12:7-10. (Use other side)

 c. You may not be called to suffer physically, but what are you to do daily. . .are you? I Corinthians

 10:31.

 2.a. Find the three groaners:

 Romans 8:18-22 :23-25 :25-27

 b. If creation was created good in Genesis 1, why would it be groaning?

 c. What are all three waiting for? Verses 19-22.

 d. Did Jesus ever groan? See John 11:33, 38. What did He groan over and why?

 e. Do you think God might call you to a groaning situation. . .or has He already? Explain

 3.a. If we are already children of God, why are we eagerly awaiting adoption?

 b. When will the redemption of our bodies take place? I Thessalonians 4:15-18;

 c. What is the guarantee or down payment of this pledge? I Corinthians 15:35-49.

 d. What will happen when our adoption is fully realized? Revelation 21:1-4.

 4.a. As with any adoption, there is paper work. In this case, what is it? Philippians 4:3; Revelation 13:8;

 Revelation 20:15.

 b. Is your name there? When?

 5.a. How many “hopes” are there in Romans 8:24, 25.

b. Why do you think God saved us in this hope rather than giving us our inheritance immediately?

c. What is this blessed hope? Titus 2:13; I Corinthians 1:7.

d. What does this waiting accomplish in us?

e. How powerful is this hope of glory?

 6.a. Will the process of sanctification (being made holy) be a piece of cake?

 Romans 7:14-25

 Romans 8:5, 10.

 Romans 8:12, 13.

 Romans 8:18.

b. What is at the end of our path and in what will we share that encourages us to keep going? 8:17.

7.a. What is our problem in Romans 8:26?

 b. How does the Spirit pray for you?

 c. Who searches the heart? What about unconfessed sin? I Thessalonians 5:19.

 d. Do you consider the will of God when you pray? Explain

 e. Are you aware of the Holy Spirit doing what Paul describes? Explain.

 f. How is this both a promise and a comfort to you?

 8.a. What does the Holy Spirit look at when we pray? Verses 26, 27.

 b. Do you search your own heart when praying? Should you?

 c. Why do we have groanings in verse 26. . .do you think groanings are words?

 d. How does the Holy Spirit always pray? How do you k now the will of God? Verse 27.

 e. Do you desire this above all?

 f. If the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses, is there really any need to pray?