



Romans 8:22-25

Groaning For Greater Glory

- I. Introduction:** Paul declared that creation and believers groan within themselves for a greater hope, the hope of redemption that is promised to them as children of God.

II. Groaning for Greater Glory (Rom 8:22-25).

A. Groaning of the Creation (v. 22).

1. Paul explained that creation itself has been groaning up until now, and that it is suffering pains until the day that it will be redeemed by Christ.

B. Groaning of the Christian (vv. 23-25).

1. Paul proclaimed that Christians also groan as they wait for Christ's return, their glorified bodies, and their adoption as God's children.

C. Groaning for our Hope (vv. 24-25).

1. Paul declared that God will bring our salvation to completion, and the hope of that future redemption enables Christians to persevere in the world.

- III. Conclusion:** Paul explained that creation and Christians groan, waiting for the day when God will complete His work of redemption and restore them to glory.



Questions About: Groaning For Greater Glory

1. Why are we told to meditate on heaven? (**Col 3:2-3**) What did Paul say about heaven? (**Phil 1:21, 23**) Why can a Christian consider death to be gain? (**Eccl 7:1**) How is heaven our home?
2. What did Paul say about the whole creation groaning? (**Rom 8:22**) What does the word groaning mean? (**v. 22**) Why does creation groan? (**Gen 3:17; Isa 24:4-5**)
3. Why did Paul say that creation suffers birth pangs? (**Rom 8:22; Matt 24:8**) Why did he use this illustration? (**John 16:21-22**) How do birth pangs lead to new life? (**Matt 19:28**)
4. What did Paul say about the groaning of Christians? (**Rom 8:23**) What did Paul mean that we have the first fruits of the Spirit? (**v. 23; Gal 5:22-23**) For what are we groaning? (**2 Cor 5:2**)
5. How will God transform our bodies? (**Phil 3:20-21; 1 Cor 15:35-44**) What changes will come from our resurrection? (**1 Cor 15:42-44**) How is this related to adoption? (**Rom 8:15-17**)
6. What is the hope that we are holding onto as Christians? (**Rom 8:24-25; Titus 2:13**) How certain is our hope of salvation? (**John 6:37**) What is the challenge of believing? (**v. 24**)
7. Why did Paul say our hope is in what we do not see? (**Rom 8:24-25**) How do Christians live by faith? (**2 Cor 5:7; Heb 11:1**) What are Christians looking for? (**2 Peter 3:13; Heb 11:10**)
8. What helps us endure suffering? (**Rom 8:24-25**) How is sharing the gospel a priority for Christians? (**1 Cor 1:23; 2:2**) Why do we not grow weary? (**1 Cor 15:58; Gal 6:9**)

Prayer

1. Pray that God would deepen your longing for your future glory and bodily redemption.
2. Ask God to give you perseverance to remain faithful.