



## Lifted by Glory

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### Romans 8:18-39 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# MESSAGE NOTES

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What could happen if we just abolished God's Law?  
Could we just do what we want?  
v. 15...a HARD NO

## 1. We are DESTINED for Glory.

Glory: vv. 17, 18, 30  
Future Glory = Intimate Adoption + Eternal Inheritance

## 2. We are WAITING for Glory.

v. 25 "wait for it patiently"

How are we to wait? GROANING

### a. Creation is groaning.

vv. 19-22

What is creation waiting for?  
"the children of God to be revealed"  
See also Revelation 20-22

### b. We are groaning.

vv. 23-25

We groan IN HOPE.

### c. God groans with us.

vv. 26-28

Groaning is a good thing. It's a God thing.

## 3. We are CONQUERORS in Glory.

v. 37 "more than conquerors"

Is there anything keeping you IN God's grace?  
Is there anything keeping you FROM God's grace?  
Don't miss the gospel!

## GOING DEEPER

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We want to encourage you to invest more time into the book of Romans. Like we said, we won't be looking at EVERYTHING in Romans but we will be looking at ENOUGH. Here are some ways for you to go deeper into Romans:

### **Pray about what you learned today.**

If God spoke to you today, find a quiet space and take the time to respond to God in prayer.

### **Huddle up with some friends.**

Join with one of our Home Groups that is going through Romans. Email [micah@thecrosspointchurch.ca](mailto:micah@thecrosspointchurch.ca) to learn how to join a group.

### **Do a deeper Bible Study.**

You can access our Home Group study for the week at [thecrosspointchurch.ca/notes](http://thecrosspointchurch.ca/notes). Do the "Deeper in the Word" session for yourself.

### **Read through the entire book of Romans.**

In fact, we encourage you to do it a few times, in different translations. Not sure what translations to use? Try the NIV, ESV, NLT, NASB, and The Message. If you need more translations of the Bible you can access them [here](#).

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+1&version=ESV>

### **Watch the Bible Project's "Romans" video on YouTube.**

Check out the first of two videos [here](#).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej\\_6dVdJSIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU)

### **Read "Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One" by N.T. Wright as you go through the series.**

You can order a copy [here](#).

[https://www.amazon.ca/Paul-Everyone-Romans-Pt-1/dp/0664227996/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=paul+for+everyone%3A+romans+part+one&qid=1610250858&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.ca/Paul-Everyone-Romans-Pt-1/dp/0664227996/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=paul+for+everyone%3A+romans+part+one&qid=1610250858&sr=8-1)

### **Take the free Biblical Training online course with biblical scholar Douglas Moo.**

Sign up for the course [here](#).

[https://www.biblicaltraining.org/romans/douglas\\_moo](https://www.biblicaltraining.org/romans/douglas_moo)

### **Read and pray through Romans in 31 days.**

These don't need to be consecutive days! You can find a helpful guide [here](#).

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/an-easy-and-powerful-31-day-plan-to-pray-through-romans.html>