

The Whole Creation Will Be Freed from Struggling and Suffering Romans 08: 18–27

1. *The believer suffers and struggles in this life*

- a. The fact stated
- b. The future glory will be worth the agony

2. *The creation suffers and struggles for deliverance from corruption*

- a. Creation is subject to corruption
- b. Creation will be delivered
- c. Creation groans in labour for deliverance

3. *The believer suffers and struggles for deliverance from corruption*

- a. The Holy Spirit who is the first fruits or foretaste of future glory, delivers and saves him
- b. Hope delivers and saves him
- c. Prayer and the Spirit deliver and save him
- d. God delivers and saves him — through the Spirit's intercession and prayer

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

21 That the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of child-birth right up to the present time.

23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?

25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.