

Romans 8:18-25

I'm a Lifer (Pt.2)

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I'm a Lifer
Overview of Romans 8:1-30

1) I'm a Lifer who has **Freedom** (8:1-4)
 2) I'm a Lifer who has **Faith** (8:5-11)
 3) I'm a Lifer who has a **Father** (8:12-17)

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I'm a Lifer
Overview of Romans 8:1-30

4) I'm a Lifer who has a **Future** (8:18-25)
 5) I'm a Lifer who is in **Formation** (8:26-30)
 6) I'm a Lifer who has **Favor** (8:31-39)

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What Does it Mean to be a 'Lifer'?

•The 'Lifer' (believer in Christ) has been granted the irrevocable privilege of being in the family of God. This permanent relationship is guaranteed by the redemptive work of Christ and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.

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**I'm a Lifer who has a Future
Romans 8:18-25**

- 1) The **Glory** we Expect (8-21)
- 2) The **Groaning** we Endure (22-23)
- 3) The **Guarantee** we Envision (24-25)

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**The Future-Focused Faith
(Romans 8:18-25)**

- 1) Glory that is to be revealed in us (8:18)
- 2) Eager Longing (8:19)
- 3) The Creation Subjected 'In Hope' (8:20)
- 4) Anticipation of the Liberation of Creation (8:21)

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**The Future-Focused Faith
(Romans 8:18-25)**

- 5) Groaning in pains of childbirth (8:22)
- 6) Firstfruits of the Spirit (8:23)
- 7) In 'Hope' we were Saved (8:24)
- 8) We wait with patience (8:25)

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**The Glory we Expect
(8:18-21)**

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

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**The Glory we Expect
(8:18-21)**

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ 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.

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Solidarity with Christ

- 1) **Buried with Christ** (synthaptō; Rom. 6:4)
- 2) **United Together** (symphytos; (Rom. 6:5)
- 3) **Crucified with Christ** (systauroō; Rom. 6:6)

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Solidarity with Christ

- 4) **Live with Christ** (syzaō; Rom. 6:8)
- 5) **Suffer with Him** (sympaschō; 8:17)
- 6) **Glorified With Him** (syndoxazomai; 8:17)

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**The Groaning we Endure
(8:22-23)**

²² For we know that the **whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth** until now. ²³ 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.

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**The 'Three Groans' in Romans
Chapter 8**

- 1) The World Groans (8:22)
- 2) The Children of God Groan (8:23)
- 3) The Holy Spirit Groans (8:26)

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**The Guarantee we Envision
(8:24-25)**

²⁴ **For in this hope we were saved.**
 Now hope that is seen is not hope. For
 who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we
hope for what we do not see, **we wait for
 it with patience.**

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