Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God
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A. In today’s section of Romans, Paul addresses the very real problem of ___________ and ___________.

B. Paul talks about three things groaning: ___________ groans, ___________ groan, and the ___________ groans.

C. Paul began this great section of Romans back in chapter _____.

D. In between the two bookends of “__________” in Rom. 8:18-30, Paul makes two basic points.
   1. That future glory is the climax of God plan for both His people and for His creation, but since it has not arrived we must patiently _____.
   2. God _________ what we ________ in order to patiently wait.

E. Christians will inevitably share in the ___________ and ________ that Jesus experienced.

F. Paul’s wonderful point about suffering for Christ is that it will be ___________ ___________.

G. We are headed for ___________, and know our reward is waiting for us there, but we are still ________- in a world with pain, suffering, and death.

H. Paul mentions two things about the creation:
   1. The creation was subjected to ___________ or ______________.
   2. The creation eagerly waits with ________________.

I. Believers know a secret: Our ___________ is not pointless ________.

J. One of the best things about “firstfruits” is they are a ___________ of ___________ to come.

K. How powerful is it to know that ___________ is in _________ interceding for us, and the ________ is here on __________ interceding for us?!

L. Christians in every generation have found inestimable comfort in the promise of Romans _________.

M. The most common misunderstandings of that promise come from the definition of “__________” that a person employs.

N. Romans 8:28 promises that nothing will touch our lives that is not under the ___________ and ___________ of our loving heavenly Father.

O. And that everything we experience can be used by God for our ________.

P. Verses 29-30 give us the assurance that God has a ______ and that His ultimate plan is for people to be ___________ to the _______ of His ______.