

*Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God*

**“From Groaning to Glory”**

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Romans 8:28-30

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: A. suffering, pain. B. creation, believers, Spirit. C. 5. D. glory. D.1. wait. D.2. provides, need. E. rejection, trials. F. worth, it. G. heaven, here. H.1. frustration, futility. H.2. anticipation. I. suffering, pain. J. promise, more. K. Jesus, heaven, Spirit, earth. L. 8:28. M. good. N. control, direction. O. good. P. plan, conformed, image, Son.