

The Holy Spirit: Sanctification and the Eternal Security of Believers

Romans 8:18-30

Part 6 (Glory—Part 2)

Context (Big picture)

1. Every human being, without exception, is sinful (Rom. 1:18-3:20)
 2. We all stand condemned (Rom. 1:32; 2:1-3, 5-6, 12; 3:9-20; 5:16, 18 and 8:1)
 3. The person who repents and trusts the Gospel is justified (declared right with (Rom. 3:21-4:25) because of Christ's work
 4. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are "in" (represented by) Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1)
- And, now that the Christian is free from the obligations of the moral law and the consequences of sin (eternal death),
5. The Spirit (who indwells every Christian—Rom. 8:9, 11) now deals with the Christian's indwelling sin, empowering the Christian to overcome sin, and become more like Christ. This means that the Christian is done with living "according to the flesh," and now lives "according to the Spirit" (8:5-11)
 7. The true Christian will take stock of their privileged position and seek to fulfil the "obligations" (8:12) that fall to us
 8. Since we live in a fallen world; and, as we live in accordance with the Spirit, we will necessarily experience suffering, but remember; "glory" is the end, not suffering (Rom. 8:18-30)
 1. The suffering is temporal (for a season) but the future "glory" is eternal.
 2. The "glory" far outweighs the "present sufferings"
 - Creation "groans" as it awaits the "new heaven and the new earth"—its return to perfection (glory)
 - The Christian "groans" as we await our full salvation (glory)
 - The Holy Spirit "groans" as He intercedes for us in order to fulfil His guarantee of our full redemption (glory) (2Cor. 1:21-22)

Introduction

1. **God: Securing "glory" for His children despite their suffering in a fallen world (8:28)**
 1. **The perfect plan of God for His children (8:28)**
 1. **The scope (8:28)**

Illustration
 2. **God is at work in our lives continuously (8:28; Jn. 10:28-30)**
 2. **The practical outworking of this truth (8:28) (NIV) (Joseph)**
 1. **Genesis 37:2, 3-4, 5, 9, 11, 18, 22, 25, 28, 31, 32, 36 (ESV)**
 1. **The early stages of trouble (Gen. 37:2)**
 2. **Unnecessary displays of favouritism and its results (37:3-4)**
 3. **Two dreams and the consequences (37:5, 9, 11)**

4. The outworking of hatred (37:18,22)
 1. Plot to murder Joseph (37:18)
 2. Attempt to save Joseph—mercy in the midst of hatred (37:22)
 3. Joseph sold into slavery—a severe mercy (37:25,28,31,32)
 4. Slavery in Egypt (37:36)
2. Genesis 39:2-5,10,19,21-23 (ESV) Joseph and Potiphar's wife
 1. Relative prosperity in Egypt (Gen.39:2-5)
 2. Evil attack in the midst of blessings (39:10,19)
 3. Imprisoned for Godliness; but not without God (39:21-23)
3. Chapter 40:2,8,14,23 (ESV) Joseph Interprets Two Prisoners' Dreams
 1. Background: Pharaoh's court (40:2)
 2. Joseph enabled to interpret the two dreams accurately (40:8)
 3. Joseph's plea (40:14)
 4. Joseph forgotten... (40:23)
4. Chapter 41:1,29,39-43,51-52 (ESV) Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams
 1. Pharaoh has a dream (41:1)
 2. The cupbearer remembers Joseph and God enables Joseph to interpret the dream (41:29)
 3. A miraculous turnaround (41:39-40)
 4. Two testimonies to the memories—the bitter and the sweet (41:51-52)
5. Chapter 42:1-3 (ESV) Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt
6. Chapter 45:4,5-8,9-11 (ESV) Reconciliation
 1. Joseph reveals his identity (45:4)
 2. God bringing good out of evil (45:5-8)
 3. Israel (Jacob) called to Egypt (45:9-10)
7. Chapter 46:1-4 (ESV) Joseph Brings His Family to Egypt (*GEN. 15:12-16*)
8. Chapter 50:17-21 (ESV) The final outcome
 1. Human responsibility and God's sovereignty (50:17-21)
 1. Repentance on the part of Joseph's brothers (50:17)
 2. Reconciliation (50:17b,21)
 3. God ordering the world according to His will (50:20)

Conclusion