Romans Lesson 15

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INTRODUCTION

- We know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- It does not mean that there's going to be heaven on earth. It does not mean that God, like Santa Claus, just answers our every request.
- If we're going to appreciate and understand Romans chapter 8 and verse 28 to the fullest, though, we need to understand something about the context within which it is found.

1 Sufferings of This Present Time Not Worthy to Be Compared

Romans 8:18–21; 2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

- I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- Everybody, Christian or not, has various trials and troubles in the flesh.
- But in addition to this, those who serve the Lord find persecution.
- The suffering of the present is not even really worthy of comparison to the future glory.
- For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

2 Even the Creation Groans

Romans 8:19–21; Genesis 3:18–19

- Thayer, who is a Greek authority, says that the word here that is translated creature or creation really refers to what we might call nature itself.
- The world itself was made subject to groaning it wasn't willingly, that is that it was not its own fault. It was the fault of man who sinned.
- Even the creation groans, awaiting deliverance for when indeed the coming of Christ occurs and the saints are glorified.

3 Saints Also Groan and Are Saved by Hope

Romans 8:22–25; Galatians 2:20; Romans 4:20–21

- And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit. Even we groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
- For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope.
- Hope enables us to have patience, to keep on keeping on. No matter what the troubles may be of this life.

- Hope that serves as an anchor of the soul, regardless of the turmoils and the troubles and the disappointments even of this fleshly or material world.

4 The Spirit Also Helpeth Our Infirmities

Romans 8:26–27; Romans 8:34

- Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.
- We're not alone. We're not fighting it by ourselves.
- Though we know not what we should pray for, the Spirit makes intercession for us.

5 To Them That Love God, Called According to His Purpose

Romans 8:28; 1 John 5:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

- God has not built a wall around Christians and said you'll never again be tempted or troubled, and every material want will be yours.
- This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.
- Romans 8 and verse 28 is a promise to people who are trying to serve the Lord.
- If we're called according to his purpose, then we're the kind of individuals who respond to the gospel.

6 How All Things Work Together for Good

Philippians 1:12–14; Hebrews 12:9–11; Genesis 50:20

- The word good here points to that which involves eternal redemption.
- Is that not the ultimate good, the redemption of our body?
- Even chastening can work for us good, can work joy in the long run.
- You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I hope that you love him and obey him so that your home will be heaven.**

MY NOTES