

Present Suffering and Future Glory (Romans 8:18–30)

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

C	S	R	S	P	I	R	I	T	R	G	E	O	F	I consider that our
O	U	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	J	R	X	D	K	present sufferings
M	B	C	C	E	G	V	I	T	U	O	P	D	N	are not worth
P	J	H	X	H	I	E	O	K	S	A	E	E	O	comparing with the
A	E	O	B	G	I	A	S	E	T	N	C	E	W	glory that will be
R	C	I	C	H	I	L	D	B	I	R	T	H	S	revealed in us. For
I	T	C	A	L	L	E	D	T	F	C	A	C	Y	the creation waits in
N	E	E	O	H	C	D	S	R	I	R	T	J	Y	eager expectation
G	D	S	W	R	B	E	E	N	E	H	I	R	C	for the children of
S	L	O	E	A	D	D	F	C	D	N	O	A	X	God to be revealed .
A	U	T	M	E	I	I	L	Y	A	L	N	P	G	For the creation was
W	N	T	R	S	G	T	N	G	G	Y	J	G	E	subjected to
I	I	P	N	B	R	O	U	G	H	T	C	R	F	frustration, not by
F	B	O	N	D	A	G	E	A	G	E	R	D	I	its own choice , but
L	C	R	E	A	T	I	O	N	Y	H	X	R	I	by the will of the

the whole **creation** has **been** groaning as in the pains of **childbirth** right up to the **present** time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the **Spirit**, **groan** inwardly as we **wait** eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this **hope** we were saved. But **hope** that is seen is no **hope** at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we **hope** for what we do not yet have, we **wait** for it patiently. In the same way, the **Spirit** helps us in our weakness. We do not **know** what we ought to pray for, but the **Spirit** himself **intercedes** for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the **Spirit**, because the **Spirit intercedes** for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we **know** that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have **been called according** to his purpose. For those God foreknew he **also predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he **predestined**, he **also called**; those he **called**, he **also justified**; those he **justified**, he **also glorified**.

HOPE

Romans 8:18-30

The _____ of our hope
 What does it mean that we believe in God's providence?

The _____ of our hope
 What does it mean to be conformed to the image of Jesus?

The _____ of our hope
 What is it that our predestination, calling, and justification are all moving towards?

