

# HOPE EXPLAINED



**ROMANS 8:18-25**

**I. This life's trials are incapable of being compared to our hope of glory (v.18).**



- **What weight of suffering could compare to the weight of the glory that is coming?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **Why would God want us to think about this comparison? (2 Corinthians 4:17)**

## **II. This creation has become the very definition of hope for us (Romans 8:19-21).**



- **How eagerly are we longing for the revelation of our hope?**
- **How and when was creation 'subjected to futility?'** **(Genesis 3:17-19)**
- **How do our actions show that we await the freedom of glory?**

**III. The creation has been groaning for the realization of our hope (v.22).**



- **Why would the apostle Paul choose to personify the creation?**
- **How should we be motivated by the groaning of all creation?**

**IV. We also have been groaning as we eagerly await our redemption (Romans 8:23).**



- **If we are already children of God, what adoption are we awaiting?**
- **What behavior and perspective displays our longing for this redemption?**

# **V. The saved must patiently wait for our unseen hope (Romans 8:24-25).**



- **In what sense were we saved by an unseen hope?**
- **Why must our hope remain unseen?**
- **How is patience being produced in our lives by our unseen hope?**

# **Call to Action: To feed our unseen hope so that we will patiently endure.**



- **How does your suffering compare to the glory that is to be revealed?**
- **How eager are you for Christ's return?**
- **How drastically will our groaning creation be improved?**
- **Have we desired to be with Christ so much that we have groaned?**
- **How would others describe your endurance in Christ?**

**-How can we help?**