

Outline: Romans 8:18-30

1A SUFFERING LEADING TO GLORY, v18

Our present suffering as God's children leads to a greater, future glory in Christ

2A BONDAGE LEADING TO LIBERTY, vv19-22

Our present bondage as God's children leads to a greater, future liberty in Christ

3A PROGRESS LEADING TO PERFECTION, vv23-25

Our present sanctification as God's children leads to a complete, future sanctification in Christ

4A PURPOSE LEADING TO FULFILLMENT, vv26-30

God's purpose for His children, saved by sovereign grace, is to perfect & glorify them in Christ

1B Our weaknesses overcome by the Spirit's continual intercession, vv26-27

(1) **"Likewise."** Creation groans because of bondage to corruption; we groan; the Spirit groans with us & for us.

(2) **"Weaknesses."** Examples of the word in gospels; physical-spiritual-humbling weaknesses.

(3) **"For we do not know."** At times, we lack understanding; What *should* we pray for?

(4) **"but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us."** He brings great comfort; God's goal; assurance because of God's work.

SUMMARY: God's Spirit *groans* for us. He *prays* for us. He *works* in us: for our benefit & for others in the body of Christ.

2B The Lord makes all things work together for our good, v28

3B God's eternal purpose for His regenerate children described, v29

4B God's eternal purpose evidenced in His redemptive actions in time, v30

2B The Lord makes all things work together for our good, v28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

1) **"And we *know*..."**

- What we don't know in v26 is contrasted with what we do know in v28.

2) **"all things work together *for good*..."**

- It is not just *some* things that work together, but *all* things
- All things work together because God is greater than all things

3) **"all things work together for good to those who *love God*..."**

- The first description of those who are the recipients of God's good purpose

4) **"...to those who are *the called* according to His purpose."**

- The second description Paul uses regarding the recipients of God's good purpose
- A general, universal call
- A particular, effectual call
 - Some examples of effectual calling
 - Two examples of general calling that did not result in effectual calling