

Series: Romans VIII: Acceptance

Message: I Can Now Accept Suffering: Part Two

Scripture: Romans 8:19-23 (NASB)

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Last Week:

1. For The Christian, There Is A Direct Correlation Between Suffering And Glory. vs 16-17

Romans 8:16-17

¹⁶The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Mystical Union

- Sonship
- Inheritance
- Suffering
- Glory

2. For The Christian, There Is An Encouraging Consolation During Times Of Suffering. vs 18

Romans 8:18

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

"Suffering should be considered a universal fact of life."

This Week:

3. We Presently Live In An Age In Which All Creation, Including Our Bodies, Have Been Subjected To Futility And Enslaved To Corruption. vs 19-21

Romans 8:19-21

¹⁹For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

4. During This Present Age, God Controls Who Suffers And To What Degree They Suffer, Yet Always With A Glorious Design In Mind. vs 20

Romans 8:20

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

Exodus 4:11

¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

Deuteronomy 32:39

³⁹ 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

Job 2:7, 9-10

⁷ Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

All of Satan's attempts to take down the godly are turned by God's providence into occasions for God to fulfill His own glorious design.

John Piper

The miracle mongers of our day who guarantee that Jesus wants you well now and heap guilt after guilt on the back of God's people asserting that the only thing between them and health is unbelief have failed to understand the nature of God's purposes in this fallen age. They have minimized the depth of sin and the cruciality of God's purifying chastening and the value of faith through suffering and they are guilty of trying to force into this age what God has reserved for the next.

5. There Is A Time Coming When Believers, As Well As All Of Creation, Will Be Both Physically And Spiritually Set Free From Their Futility And Corruption. vs 19, 21-23

Romans 8:19

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Romans 8:21, 23

²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²³And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Chuck Swindoll

“Creation is passing through a slender, thorny tube, having known the joy of freedom before, but now it is being squeezed into this restricted, rigid period of time – and one day yet to come, it will gush forth free again.”

Life's greatest problems are not so much caused by our tragic circumstances as by our improper responses to those circumstances.

Communion:

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:27-31

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.