

Finding Hope to Hang on

Romans 8:18-27

Introduction:

Philippians 1:29 *For to you it have been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.*

James 1:2 *Consider it all joy, ... when you encounter various trials*

Matthew 5:11-12: *Blessed are you when men cast insults at you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, ...for your reward in heaven is great*

Review:

#1. Get God's _____ on your groaning

1st. I will _____ with Jesus Christ

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

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

Luke 24:26 *"Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"*

1 Pet. 2:21 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps*

Matt. 13:20 *"And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.*

2nd. I must _____ this life to the next

18 *For I consider*

James 1:2 *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 **knowing** that the testing of your faith*
Romans 5:3 *...we also exult in our tribulations, **knowing** that tribulation brings about perseverance;...*

18 *For 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.*

1 Peter 1:6 *In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,*

3rd. I will focus on the _____ of _____

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

1-Look ahead to our future _____

1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.*

2-Looking ahead to our coming _____

20 *For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope*
21 *that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

Rev. 21:1 *...a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...*

3-Looking ahead toward our _____

22 *For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.*

Acts 7:34 *I have certainly seen the oppression of My people in Egypt, and have heard their groans,*

#2. Take God's _____ through your Groaning

1st. Don't stop thinking about _____

23 *And 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.*

1-You'll work _____ in the harvest now

2-You'll have a real desire for others to _____ of God

3-You'll have real _____ now, knowing it gets better

1-Our _____ is complete

2-The redemption of our _____

2nd. Live as if _____ were _____

24 *For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.*

1-Live in _____

John 14:2 *In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3*

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Acts 1:9 *And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*

2-Live by _____

How do I know I am hoping?

You have _____ in Jesus & _____ in Christ

How do I know I am waiting?

_____, _____ and _____

3rd. _____ upon the Holy Spirit to get through the _____ to the _____

26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1-The Holy Spirit helps

2-The Holy Spirit intercedes

In conclusion:

1st - This world is _____

2nd - Even though you're born again and will enjoy some victory, you will still _____ with sin

3rd - To find the hope to hang on, _____...

1-God sees _____ I'm going through

2-God _____ about everything I'm going through

1 Peter 5:7 casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you

3-God has the power to _____ what I'm going through

4-God has a _____ with everything I go through

• So while you _____: _____, don't _____!