

**Lesson 14**  
**From Suffering to Glory**  
**( Romans 8:18-39 )**

• **Questions**

1. What follows suffering (8:18)?
  
2. What does the creation wait for and why (8:19-22)?
  
3. What do Christians wait for and why (8:23)?
  
4. What is hope and what does it do for the Christian (8:24-25)?
  
5. What does the Holy Spirit also do for the Christian (8:26-27)?
  
6. What happens to all who love God faithfully (8:28)?
  
7. What all does God do for the saved and why (8:29-30)?
  
8. Summarize in your own words Paul's answer to the following questions (8:31-39):  
  
    If God is for us, who is against us?  
  
    Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?  
  
    Who is he that condemns?  
  
    Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What is “the creation” that Paul speaks of in verses 19 through 22?
2. To what does “the first-fruits of the Spirit” refer (8:23)?
3. When Paul says, “And in like manner...” (8:26), he is referring to what?
4. What does “all things” (8:28,32) refer to in this context?
5. How is verse 28 explained by verses 29 and 30 (note the word “for”)?
6. Define these words found in verses 29 and 30:
  - “foreknow” –
  - “foreordain” –
  - “call” –
  - “justify” –
  - “glorify” –
7. The words, “these things” (8:31), refer to what things?

8. What Old Testament scripture is quoted in verse 36?

9. What are “principalities” (v.38)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Hope saves when it causes the Christian to patiently endure suffering and wait for the reward of heaven (8:24-25).
2. Both the Holy Spirit (8:26) and Jesus Christ (8:34) intercede for Christians during times of suffering. This should give Christians great encouragement.
3. Christians must be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (8:29).
4. Let us endure our suffering knowing that God will deliver us and reward us in the end (8:35).
5. Faithful Christians need to face their trials as “more than conquerors,” not as defeated losers (8:37). External forces in life may be strong but they cannot separate the faithful Christian from God (8:38).
6. Christians have hope (8:18-25), help from the Holy Spirit (8:26-27), divine providence (8:28-30), and God’s assurance (8:31-39) to get them through times of suffering. What encouragement!