

Why We Need A New Perspective
Romans 8
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- Theme: Paul teaches us how to live in the tension between our present SUFFERING and future REDEMPTION - Romans 8:18-25
- Paul doesn't IGNORE the reality of pain
 - ✓ Paul states CREATION and humanity groan - Romans 8:22, Ecclesiastes 1:7 NLT, Genesis 3:18-19 NIV, Joel 1:18
 - ✓ Paul experienced frustration, WEAKNESS and sorrow
 - 2 Corinthians 11:24-30
 - ✓ Paul refused to let suffering define his outlook or IDENTITY
 - 2 Corinthians 5:2
 - ✓ Paul points to a COMING glory - Romans 8:18
- How do we live between groaning and glory? - With HOPE
 - Romans 8:24-25
 - 1) HOLDING onto God
 - ✓ Anchoring in our identity as His CHILDREN
 - 2) OPPORTUNITY within pain
 - ✓ God brings PURPOSE within suffering - 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - 3) PERSPECTIVE to sustain us
 - ✓ What's coming is superior to WHAT IS
 - 4) ENDURING with expectation
 - ✓ It's not what I'm in, but CHRIST in me! - Colossians 1:27 GWT