**THE HOPE OF FUTURE GLORY**

Romans 8:18-39

Key Verse 8:23 “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”

1. How does Paul view our present sufferings and future glory? (18) Why was the creation subject to frustration? (20; Genesis 3:17-18) For what does the creation expect and groan in hope? (19,21-22)

2. How does Paul describe believers in verse 23? For what do we groan inwardly? (Philippians 3:20-21) What is our true hope and how does it enable us to wait patiently? (24-25)

3. What are our weaknesses, and how do they affect our prayer? (26a; 7:24) Who helps us and how? (26b-27)

4. What conviction do believers have, and on what basis? (28) What is God’s will and purpose for us? (29-30)

5. What does Paul emphasize in his rhetorical questions in verses 31-35? How does absolute trust in God’s love help us overcome our doubt?

6. What does it mean to be “more than conquerors”? (37) What tries to separate us from God’s love, and why can they not? (38-39)