

THE HOPE IN JESUS CHRIST  
Romans 8:24-27

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The creation was subjected to the bondage of sin by God.
  - 1) Vs. 20
  - 2) The creation will be liberated when the sons of God are glorified. This will be during the Millennial Kingdom.
  - 3) Vs. 21
  
- B. Until the time of "liberty" the entire universe longs for it to occur. vs. 22
  - 1) "groaneth" = stenazo = "to sigh", "long for"
  - 2) "travaileth" = sunodino = "childbirth", "jointly"
  
- C. God's people also long for this coming kingdom, in fact we pray for it!
  - 1) Vs. 23
  - 2) It will effect body resurrection
  
- D. This time of liberation is the object of our hope.
  - 1) It is not the "blessed hope", the second coming.
  - 2) They are interwoven.

I. This Hope Sustains Us Vs. 24 - 25

- A. "For we are saved by hope:"
  - 1) "saved" = sozo = "to make sound", "to save, "to preserve safe from danger, loss or destruction"
  - 2) "hope" = te elpidi = "in hope" = elpis = "the expectation of something future." A well-grounded expectation and a gladly and firmly held prospect of a future good.
  - 3) We are kept and sustained in all of our trials by this hope of that which is to be.
  
- B. "but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"
  - 1) "seen" = belpo = "to use the eyes", "to observe"
  - 2) "Hope would not be hope if its objects were in view, for we could not hope for what we are looking at with our own eyes."
  - 3) We are not at this time delivered from the bondage of sin, not man, not creation but we firmly expect to be!
  
- C. "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." vs. 25
  - 1) "see not" = ou blepomen = "we do not see"
  - 2) "patience" = upomone = "a remaining under"
  - 3) "wait" = apekdechomai = "to wait out", "wait long for"



- 4) "We steadfastly endure the present, and long earnestly for the future"
- 5) This makes little sense to fat, lazy, saints who endure little and resent the least suffering!

## II. The Holy Spirit Helps Us To Have Hope

### A. This is one of the remaining gifts

- 1) I Corinthians 13:13 - "And now abideth..."
- 2) "faith, hope and love"

### B. "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities" vs. 26

- 1) "likewise" = osautos = "in the same way"
- 2) "helps" = sunantilambano = "to lay hold of a thing together with a person and so to assist that person"
- 3) "infirmities" = astheneia = "want of strength", "weakness", "feebleness"
- 4) "In the selfsame manner", refers to vs. 22. It is the Spirit helping the creation to articulate its pain that is called a "groaning", it is the sighing of God's creation to be set free from its bondage to sin.

### C. "for we know not what we should pray for as we ought:"

- 1) "ought" = dei = "it needs", "there is need of something that is absent or wanting", "it is necessary"
- 2) "for we do not know what and how we ought to pray"
- 3) Just as creation needs aid and help from the Spirit in its sighs for liberty so does the believer. The believer does not comprehend the full understanding of this event.

### D. "but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

- 1) "intercession" = uperentugchano = "to plead or intercede on behalf of someone" The Good Samaritan made intercession for the man who was robbed.
- 2) "groanings" = stenagmos = "a sighing, as of one distressed", "sighs and groans are methods of communication"
- 3) "uttered" = alaletos = "not to be expressed in words"
- 4) The copy machine repair man.

## III. Our Communication with God is Spirit to Spirit

### A. This is a truth Jesus taught.

- 1) John 4:24 - "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."
- 2) It is never in the flesh - Romans 8:6
- 3) It is flesh to flesh and spirit to spirit

- B. "And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the spirit,"
- 1) "searcheth" = ereunao = "to seek out", "to trace"  
It is used to describe dogs tracing their game by the foot.
  - 2) God searches the human heart
  - 3) "mind" = phronema = "what one has in mind, what one thinks and feels"
  - 4) Luke 9:47 - "And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart.....", "which of them should be the greatest"
  - 5) Matthew 5:27-28 = committed adultery....in his heart
- C. "because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God"
- 1) "intercession" = entugchano = "to fall in with", "to meet and talk with"
  - 2) "because the Holy Spirit helps the saints according to God, (what God plans)"
  - 3) There is no special language wherein men pray, "in the Spirit", that is in a special tongue.
  - 4) The language of the Spirit is to you and to me, English!