

From Groaning to Glory

Resurrection Hope #1 – Pastor Gary Combs – 4/15/14 – Romans 8:18-25

Romans 8:18-25 (ESV) ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

What is resurrection hope?

How resurrection hope changes our groaning to glory:

1. It makes sense of our _____.

Romans 5:2-5 (NIV) ... we rejoice in the **hope** of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, **hope**. And **hope** does not disappoint ...

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NKJV) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

2. It helps explain our _____.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (NLT) For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we **long** to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing...

3. It encourages our _____.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV) ¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope...