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# ROMANS

## 8: 18-28

Men to Men Ministry

Session 22

# Study on personal responsibility

- **Non-Essential**

- Things that do not change *your* status with God.
- Stand firm in your beliefs without offense.
- Must learn to distinguish between three types of Non-Essential
  - Heresy
  - Error
  - Disagreement
- **What is our personal responsibility to the types of non-essential beliefs.**

# Types of Non-Essential Beliefs

- Heresy - A teaching of a belief that is directly opposed to a core tenant of the Christian faith.
  - Personal responsibility
    - Absent yourself from that teaching. A “Silent resignation”.
    - I Timothy 5:25 “Do not entertain or consider an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.
    - It is to be done in order and without confrontation.

# Types of Non-Essential Beliefs

- Error - A teaching of a belief that is directly and simply incorrect
  - Personal responsibility
    - In a one-on-one and private location start a dialog. Discuss the error in a calm and loving manner.
    - If the non-essential issue does not come to an amicable resolution, then follow I Corinthians 12:28, “But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant”

# Types of Non-Essential Beliefs

- Disagreement – A disagreement that is not a heresy and not an error, it is an uncompromisable position.
  - Personal responsibility
    - Don't lose fellowship because of two divergent views.
    - We have a greater responsibility to unity than any non-essential belief.
    - Let love rule.

# Romans 8:18-28

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the eagerly awaiting **creation** waits for the revealing of the sons and daughters of God.

20 For the **creation** was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

21 that the **creation** itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole **creation** groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23 And not only that, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons and daughters, the redemption of our body.

24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

26 Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

# Who was suffering?

Romans 8:18

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Romans 8:19

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# Creation

## KTIS'IS –THE WHO OF SUFFERING

- 3 times in our section, 5 times in Romans, 14 times in the New Testament
- Four definitions
  - The act of founding establishing or building
  - Rabbinical usage of a person converted from idolatry to Judaism
  - The sum or aggregate of all things created
  - An institution or ordinance.
- Consistency
  - In the section
  - In the Book



# KTIS'IS IN THIS SECTION

- V19 KTIS'IS - Waits in eager expectation
- V20 KTIS'IS - Is subject to frustration and hope
- V21 KTIS'IS – Will be liberated from bondage to decay
- V21 KTIS'IS – Will be brought into freedom and glory
- V23 KTIS'IS – Will groan in pain

# Why do all Christians suffer?

- In Luke 13:1-5 it says that suffering will bring **repentance**.
- In II Corinthians 1:8-9 it says that suffering will bring **reliance**.
- In Hebrews 2:6-12 it says that suffering will bring **righteousness**.
- In II Cor 4:11-18 it says that suffering will bring **reward**.
- And here in Romans 8:18-23 it says that suffering will bring **revelation**.

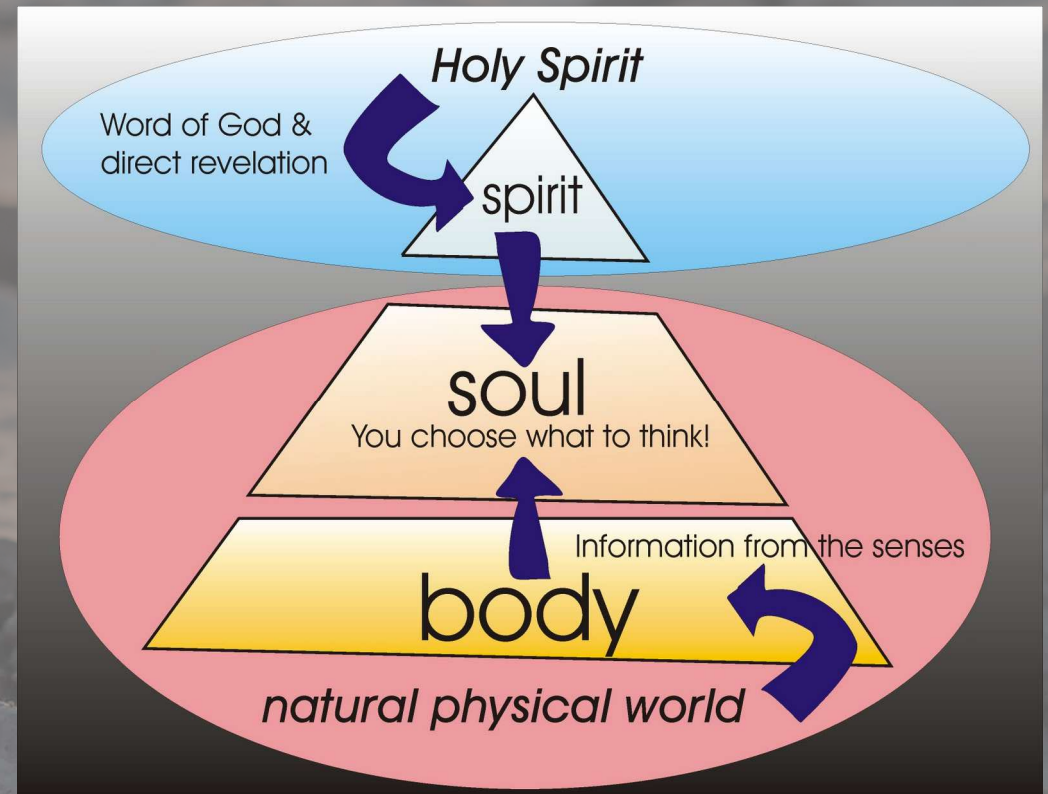
Don't waste the hard times  
Embrace the chaos  
Never loose hope

# The what if suffering

1. Verse 18 -
  - a. NOT to Consider (means to bend your head and listen intently)
  - b. Suffer
2. Verse 19
  - a. Waits
  - b. Expects
3. Verse 20
  - a. Subject to frustration
  - b. Has the ability to choose
  - c. Can hope
4. Verse 21
  - a. Can be subject to something else
  - b. Can be liberated
  - c. Can be bound
  - d. Can decay
  - e. Brought to freedom and glory
5. Verse 22
  - a. Can groan
  - b. Can have pain
  - c. Can understand time

# Why all the suffering?

- ANTHROPOS
  - The SPIRIT
  - The BODY
  - The SOUL



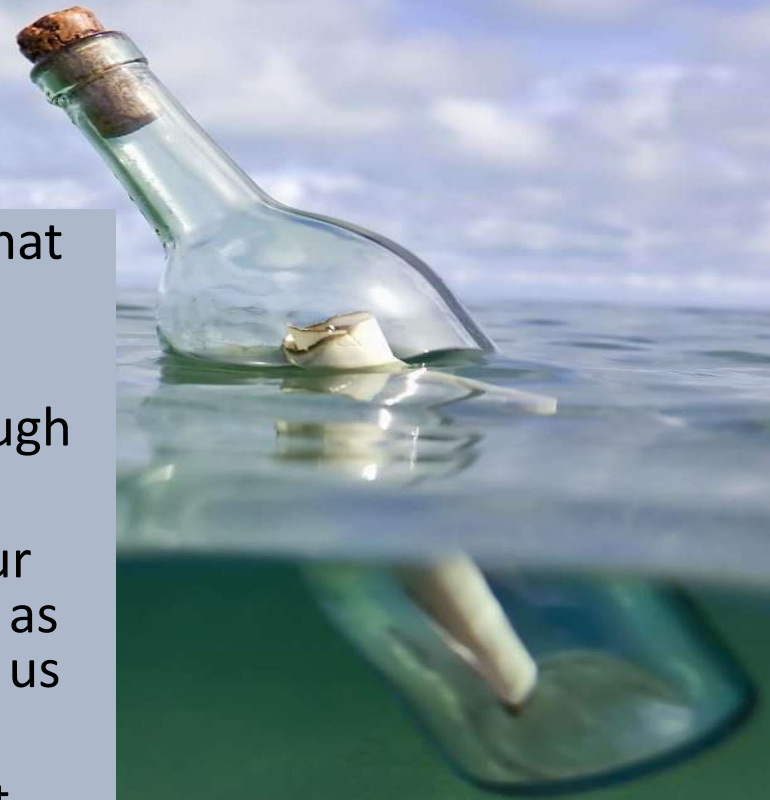
# But we are to have hope!

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EMBRACE THE CHAOS  
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TIMES

We have hope because we know God is working in us.

***28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.***

1. We know – Hope is base upon faithful belief in the knowledge
2. God is working – That is God’s job, not ours.
3. All things – Specific to suffering
4. For our GOOD – Creation
5. To those who love GOD
6. Called – All those who have faithful belief in the knowledge
7. To a purpose – Embrace suffering to bring us to HOPE

## Next Week Assignments

- READ Romans 8:18-30 at least four times.
- WRITE down any repeated words and look them up in a dictionary
- WRITE down any words that are new to our study.
- PRAY about our responses to heresy, error, and disagreements.
- PREPARE your hearts in hope for whatever may come this week.