




# ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

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Romans 8




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1. You have a new position
2. You have a new relationship
3. You have been adopted into a new family
4. You have a new hope



<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.



<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

# CREATIONS HOPE

1. Nature as victim (20,21b-22)
2. Nature as victor (19, 21a)

<sup>13</sup> But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.                      2 Peter 3:13

# THE CHRISTIANS HOPE

1. A present grief (18a, 23)
  - Not all suffering is the result of personal sin
  - We are repeatedly told to expect hardship and persecution because we are identified with Christ.
2. The future glory
  - A. The comparison (18b)
  - B. The command (24-25)





## TO GO

How have you experienced the “groanings” of this life?

How secure is your “hope” in Christ?

What difference does this hope make on a day to day basis?