ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

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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
18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.
22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 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. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 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)

13 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)
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?