



DO YOU REMEMBER?

Romans 7:24 (NASB77)

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

Has it been completely answered?

Romans 8:2 (NASB77) 2 For the law (principle) of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:1 (NASB77) There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:2 (NASB77) 2For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:3 (NASB77) ...He condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8:6 (NASB77) 6..., but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace

Romans 8:9 (NASB77) 9However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Romans 8:10 (NASB77) 10And since Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 (NASB77) 11But since the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Romans 8:14 (NASB77)14For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Romans 8:15, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, " Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:16-17 (NASB77)16The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,17and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Last Week a new PARAGRAPH

We discovered something NEW

Romans 8:18-19 (NASB77)

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 anxious longing [a waiting in suspense, implies abstraction, the attention turned from other objects] of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

Both the present sufferings and the future glory in Paul's mind touch on the creation which he here characterizes. It is represented. First of all,

a. Looking to the future, waiting for the revelation of the sons of God. Verse 19

i. Externally His sons do not differ in bodily appearance, power, or glory from the rest of mankind; they may be weak, they may suffer, as also they fall asleep or die while the Lord waits on high.

ii. But after the resurrection or rapture, at His coming, they are to be manifested in glory with Christ when He is manifested also.

iii. Creation too awaits this perfect moment. Its deliverance from its actual misery hinges on them and their revelation.

Second, there isn't any room for surprise at such a connection with men; *for creation God made subject to futility.*

- 1. Man was set by God as the head of the earthly creation. **When he fell, creation shared his ruin.****
- 2. When the sons of God are revealed at the appearing of Christ, there will be a proof that the creation was made dependent on them, and that the hope of being set free is not futile.**
- 3. There is no surprise at such a connection with men; for creation was made subject to vanity, not by its own will, but on his**

20 For the creation was subjected to futility [to un-attainment .], not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope



Genesis 3:17 (NASB)

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life."

20 For the creation was subjected to futility [to un-attainment], not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

"Was made subject" is *hupotassō*,

“to arrange under, to put under, to subject, put in subjection.

- ***1 Cor. 15:27 27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.***
- ***Heb. 2:8 8 THOU HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."***
- ***Col. 3:18 18 WIVES, BE SUBJECT TO YOUR HUSBANDS, AS IS FITTING IN THE LORD.***

WHAT WAS THE CREATION MADE SUBJECT TO?

“Vanity” “Futility” is *mataios*, "idle, resultless, futile, aimless."

It describes something that does not measure up to that for which it is intended.

Here we find the whole creation subjected to

- The creation is viewed as originally made as a perfect creation **to glorify God**.
- When the curse was put upon it, that purpose was interfered with in that a perishing and decaying creation cannot perfectly glorify the

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BY Whom?

- *By (because of) Him* Who has subjected, but that which makes God's will *the occasion* rather than *the worker* of sin—*on account of Him*.
- **Adam's sin and not God's will was the direct and special cause of the subjection to vanity.**



“bondage of corruption” along with him, in decay and disease and suffering, death, and destruction, everywhere,—of bondage, with no deliverer

Based on HOPE

- **The creation was not made in decay, degradation, suffering, death.**
- **God did not originally design creation to be in such confusion and misery.**
- **What was in God's purpose to give us in salvation we do not have yet (that is in glory with Christ); but the work is done which saves us, and we have it by the Holy Spirit.**

God has a massive plan, reaching on into eternity, and “hope” lies ahead for creation and man: for the Millennium is coming,

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.

His Word shines its own bright light on the future; for, though subjected to vanity, it was "in hope that even the creation itself shall be freed."

- **Paul, however, is not talking about the predominance of the gospel of grace,**
- **but of the incoming and display of glory, and consequently of the divine power which will free the creation, ruined by man, according to His own guidelines.**

Contrast the state of creation now with the Millennial order described in Isaiah 11:6-9 (NASB77)

6and the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

7Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

9They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

It is the administration of the fulness of times when God's will is to gather up together all things in Christ, the things which are in the heavens and the things which are on the earth, even in Him in whom we also have obtained an inheritance.

(Ephesians 1:10-11 (NASB77) 10with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him 11also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.

For this reconciliation is to take in all things, not merely the saints who are now reconciled.

(Col.1:19-23 (NASB77) 19For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him,

20and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

21And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds,

22yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach--

23if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Into the liberty of the glory of the children of God—
As Paul shows) **we already have liberty in
Christ,—the liberty of *grace*.**

**The “*liberty of the glory of the children of God*”
awaits **Christ’s second coming.****

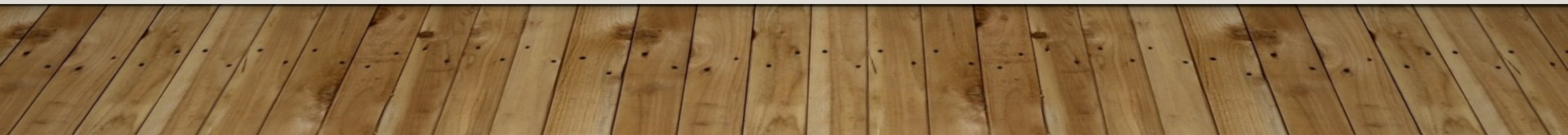
**How blessed it is to know that into that
glorious liberty, creation, which has shared
“the bondage of corruption,” will be
brought along with us!**

This will be the rest of God

(Hebrews 4:11-13 (NASB77 11) Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.)



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

When the heirs are glorified around the great **Firstborn, The Glorified Lord Jesus**, and appear with Him in glory, then and there is the inheritance to appear from the bondage **under which it has long groaned**, "*the times of restitution of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*"

(Heb. 12), the world-kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, who shall reign unto the ages of the ages (Rev. 11),

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We know—Always this is the expression of Christian

This earth's poets, philosophers, scientists, face to face with death with a capital D,—in every crushed ocean shell, in every rotten log, in the very minor keys in which the voices of beasts and birds are pitched, seem never even to get a glimpse of the bondage of corruption in which all creation is groaning; but talk in lively ways of “progress,” of “evolution”! How far from understanding the creation around them are human beings all,—except Spirit-taught Christians! “Their own poets” write thus,—of a “groaning creation”: NEWELL

- **It is only by faith that anyone enters into the liberty of grace; and this is the portion even now of God's children under the gospel.**
- Even the creation itself shall exchange the slavery of corruption by which it is now held down for the liberty of glory when the children of God are glorified.
 - Example: Our human body
- **There can be no communion between us and creation in grace now;**
- **There will be in glory** when the power of God deals with all creation in honor of Christ's death, whose blood has bought not the treasure only but the field, the world which contained it, certainly, all things.

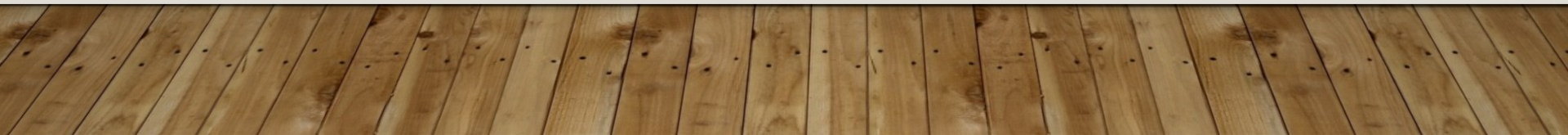
There could not be, and there should not be deliverance, unless sin were righteously atoned for and blotted out before God.

Should a single sinner to be set free, if God's glory were weakened by it?

But it is not so.

On the contrary **never** was such glory brought to God as by the cross of the Lord J esus;

Never such a display of righteousness as well as of love as in the cross; and more than this, there never can be such a display again.



The one place and

the one hour and

the one act and

**the only person that stands out from the whole
world's history from eternity and to eternity,**

**distinct from all that ever was or ever will be,
is the cross of the Lord Jesus.**

**It is so important that God will never rest in His love
until all sin is completely gone,**

all evil judged, and

**all His mercy has had its full result in the
accomplishment of His purposes.**

- **No wonder that the cross of the Lord Jesus has brought in a unique change even now.**
- It would **not** have been worthy of God had He not given by it a present deliverance to men that believes in Christ.

This deliverance consists of these two parts:

- 1. That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and**
- 2. That we are placed in and as Christ before God.**

In another sense He died for every man. Nothing can be more certain than that both are true,

- **that He died for those that believe, and**
- **that He died for every man — with this difference, that the believer alone can say that He bore our sins in His own body on the tree.**

But the Lord Jesus is more than a Savior who died for us and our guilt.

He is now the great pattern of One who, having been under the most intolerable judgment of sin, rose from the dead perfectly delivered and into the fullest sunshine of divine delight and peace and joy to show us where the Christian is and how God looks upon him.

Is not our place in Christ Jesus, risen from the dead?

**Are we not entitled to look up and say,
As far as the distance may seem between creation
in general and those whom grace has now taken
out of its ruin and associated in so intimate and
complete a way with Christ as the Christian knows
it, there is a link of the most direct and
momentous sort.**

*19" For the earnest expectation of the creation is waiting for
the revelation of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was
made subject to vanity, not willingly, but on account of him
who made [it] subject, in hope that† 21 even the creation
itself shall be freed from the bondage of corruption into the
liberty of the glory of the children of God."*