

The Gospel in Romans-Part 15
Rom. 8:18-30

- The _____ of Creation and the _____ of God's People (vv. 18-27)
 - The story of Gen. 1-3 is about _____ where the gospel of Romans 8 is about _____.
 - Because of the Fall our world is a paradox of breathtaking _____ as well as breathtaking _____.
 - The fate of _____ is intimately tied to the fate of _____.
 - Creation itself is in the pains of _____ waiting for the joy of its coming liberation.
 - We get a glimpse of _____ in Revelation 21-22.
 - This is not _____ existence, it is _____ bodies in a fully _____ creation.
 - In the meantime, we wait _____ and work _____ to shine the light of Christ into a darkened world.
 - We do this _____ by the Spirit and _____ by His presence.
- The _____ of God and the _____ of His People (vv. 28-30)
 - The providence of God is His _____ and _____ to bring His _____ for creation in Christ to their victorious _____.
 - God's _____ is our _____. God does not work all things so that we may be _____ in this life, but so that we may be _____ to the image of Christ.
 - This passage begins with _____ but ends with _____.
 - This is the song we sing, _____ in the hard times, _____ in the hard times.
 - On the mystery of predestination and election:
 - _____ say that foreknowing is fore-loving and fore-choosing.
 - Dt. 7:7; Amos 3:2; John 6:33, 44; 15:16; Eph. 1, etc.
 - _____ say that foreknowing is simply God knowing from eternity who would freely believe the gospel.
 - John 3:16; 1 John 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 22: 17, etc.
 - But whether we _____ because we are _____, or are we _____ because we _____, Paul's central contention is that God has done what the Law couldn't do and what we couldn't do, in the person of His Son, Jesus the Messiah.
 - God plan is _____, His providence is _____, and His provision is _____.

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- The Rescue of Creation and the Perseverance of God's People (vv. 18-27)
 - The story of Gen. 1-3 is about Paradise Lost where the gospel of Romans 8 is about Paradise Regained.
 - Because of the Fall our world is a paradox of breathtaking beauty as well as breathtaking brutality.
 - The fate of creation is intimately tied to the fate of humanity.
 - Creation itself is in the pains of labor waiting for the joy of its coming liberation.
 - We get a glimpse of new creation in Revelation 21-22.
 - This is not disembodied existence, it is resurrected bodies in a fully renewed creation.
 - In the meantime, we wait patiently and work purposefully to shine the light of Christ into a darkened world.
 - We do this encouraged by the Spirit and empowered by His presence.
- The Providence of God and the Destiny of His People (vv. 28-30)
 - The providence of God is His promise and power to bring His plans for creation in Christ to their victorious consummation.
 - God's glory is our good. God does not work all things so that we may be comfortable in this life, but so that we may be conformed to the image of Christ.
 - This passage begins with groans but ends with glory.
 - This is the song we sing, even in the hard times, especially in the hard times.
 - On the mystery of predestination and election:
 - Calvinists say that foreknowing is fore-loving and fore-choosing.
 - Dt. 7:7; Amos 3:2; John 6:33, 44; 15:16; Eph. 1, etc.
 - Arminians say that foreknowing is simply God knowing from eternity who would freely believe the gospel.
 - John 3:16; 1 John 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 22: 17, etc.
 - But whether we believe because we are chosen, or are we chosen because we believe, Paul's central contention is that God has done what the Law couldn't do and what we couldn't do, in the person of His Son, Jesus the Messiah.
 - God plan is unfolding, His providence is unstoppable, and His provision is sure.