

**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.