

## a new Perspective - Outline

April 22, 2018

*Review...*

### **Living in Christ means...**

1. that we are motivated by love for God and other people.
2. that we set our minds on the eternal things of God.
3. that we live in total dependency on Jesus.

*For Today...*

Living in Christ means... that I am convinced that in \_\_\_\_\_, that I surrender to him, God \_\_\_\_\_ for my good and his glory.

### Scripture Reading:

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (Romans 8:26–28, NLT)*

For all kinds of people things do not always seem to work out in the end.

Our world is \_\_\_\_\_.

*For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. (Romans 8:19-20a, NLT)*

Creation is in bondage \_\_\_\_\_.

*But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. (Romans 8:20b-21, NLT)*

Creation is groaning as if in the pains of \_\_\_\_\_.

*For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. (Romans 8:22, NLT)*

Even believers groan, awaiting the redemption of \_\_\_\_\_.

*And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. (Romans 8:23a, NLT)*

*We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. (Romans 8:23b, NLT)*

*For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands.*

*We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. (2 Corinthians 5:1–2, NLT)*

We do not enter into \_\_\_\_\_ in this life, but we were saved in \_\_\_\_\_.

*We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) (Romans 8:24–25, NLT)*

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our \_\_\_\_\_.

***And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.*** For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. (Romans 8:26, NLT)

*And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. (Romans 8:27, NLT)*

And God works things out \_\_\_\_\_.

*And we know that **God causes everything to work together for the good** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (Romans 8:28, NLT)*

It does not say:

all things \_\_\_\_\_ good.

all things work out the way that \_\_\_\_\_ them to.

all things have a \_\_\_\_\_ here on earth.

It does say:

I can have unshakeable \_\_\_\_\_.

That God will use \_\_\_\_\_ that happens to me.

To accomplish his good purposes in my life.

God's good purpose is to transform you into \_\_\_\_\_ of his Son.

*For God knew his people in advance, **and he chose them to become like his Son**, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29, NLT)*

Hope is the \_\_\_\_\_ that God is using this period of hardship to produce the image of Jesus in me.

God can take even the \_\_\_\_\_ that we suffer to accomplish his good purposes, if we \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

To surrender to Christ means to give him \_\_\_\_\_.

to be happy.

to be noticed.

for life to be fair.

to be appreciated.  
to get your own way.  
to do whatever you feel like doing.

*Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, NLT)*

\_\_\_\_\_ in the sovereign character of God.

## **a new Perspective – Study Guide**

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Think about a time in your life when you really suffered.  
What did that time teach you about life?  
Did suffering draw you closer to God, or further away from God? Explain.

### **Read Romans 8:18-19**

How did Paul describe the difference between his present and his future? What is the world waiting to see?

### **Read Romans 8:20-23**

For what reason has the world been forced to wait?  
To what human experience did Paul compare his waiting?  
For what are the children of God waiting?

### **Read Romans 8:24-25**

What is and is not genuine hope?  
What causes us to wait patiently?

### **Read Romans 8:26-27**

How does the Spirit help us in our weakness?  
For whom does the Spirit intercede?  
What is the relationship between God and the Spirit?

### **Read Romans 8:28**

What does this verse mean to you?

Think about the time of suffering you referred to in the beginning.  
How does this verse apply to that time of suffering?  
How did you see God work things for good?  
Is there still some good you are waiting for God to complete in this situation?