

# “The Reason for Suffering” Romans 8:18-28

Numbers in parentheses () are verses in Romans Chapter 8

## 1. Suffering (18-27)

- a. Suffering vs. glorious eternity (18)
- b. Creation partly made to bring humans to God (19)  
"revealing" Gr. apokalupsis: Luke 2:32; Rom. 2:5, 16:25;  
1 Cor. 1:7; Gal. 1:12; Eph. 3:3; 1 Thes. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:13, 4:13  
Rev. 1:1
- c. Futility for hope (20) (1 Chron. 29:15)
- d. Suffering is for the children of God (21)
- e. All of creation groans (22)  
"We know" John 21:24; Rom 2:2, 3:19, 7:14, 8:22, 8:28;  
1 Cor. 8:1, 4; 2 Cor. 5:1; 1 John 2:3, 5, 18, 3:2, 14, 16, 24,  
4:6, 13, 5:2, 15, 18, 19, 20
- f. Believers all groan (23-25)
- g. Spirit groans (26-27) Praying in the Spirit: Eph. 6:18; James 4:3.

## 2. All things (28)

- a. God causes
- b. all things
- c. to work together (Eph. 1:11; Ps. 119:91)
- d. for good
- e. to those who love God
- f. who are called
- g. according to His purpose.