

NEW LIFE
“Frustration | Anticipation”
Romans 8:18-25

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2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

I. Subhuman creation’s frustration|anticipation (vs 19-22)

Genesis 3:17-18a

17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you...”

Frustration: because sin has caused all creation to fall from its perfect state. It is unable to fulfill the purpose for which it was created.

Anticipation: liberation, restoration and renewal.

Revelation 21:1, “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”

II. Human Creation's frustration/anticipation (vs. 23-25)

Frustration: not meeting God's standard of holiness and wanting to be like Christ in all things.

Anticipation: resurrected body and being like Jesus Christ

As we groan inwardly we are to:

1. Live purposefully
2. Hope confidently
3. Wait patiently