## "The Cries for Deliverance!"

## Romans 8:19-27

- <u>Defining terms</u>: *Justification*: Simply put, to justify is to declare righteous, to make one right with God. *Sanctification*: To be made holy, or Christlike. *Glorification*: God's final removal of sin from the life of the saints in eternity.
- Stenazō (groans) refers to the utterances of a person who is caught in a dreadful situation and has no immediate prospect of deliverance.
- We as Christians should thoroughly desire to understand our salvation (justification, sanctification, and glorification); by rejoicing in our justification (Romans 5:1 & 8:1) participating in our sanctification (Philippians 2:12-13) and anticipating our glorification, (Romans 8:19-27) in doing this we will have a deeper worship of God.
- "All of creation longs for our glorification...." (Romans 8:19-22)
  - What is "the creation" referring to in this text?: All of the animals, plants, rivers, oceans, mountains, plains, valleys, stars and the planets.
  - What does it mean that "creation was subject to futility and corruption"?: All of creation was drastically affected because of sin. Creation does not currently exist as it was designed to by God (Genesis 3:17-19) yet creation still shows the glory of God (Romans 1:18-22). Disease, death, pain, natural disasters, decay, are all a product of sin but are under God's sovereignty (Deuteronomy 32:39; Psalm 115:3; Job 1:21 & 2:10; Ephesians 1:11). God was the one who subjected creation to this condition for His purposes.
  - What are the "pains of childbirth"?: Childbirth is incredibly painful but it brings new life. Nature through the seasons tries to renew itself but cannot, only God can. God's plan of redemption is for all of creation, not just mankind; He will make all things new (Revelation 21:1-5).
- "We long for our glorification...." (Romans 8:23-25)
  - What are "the firstfruits of the Spirit....?": Because the Holy Spirit is in the believers life we desire to worship God, submit to God, love God, and please God in all we do (Romans 8:7-9).
  - Why do we "groan inwardly for the redemption of our bodies"?: The more we grow in Christlikeness the more that we will desire to be with Christ (Philippians 1:19-26). We will also groan inwardly because of the pain and destruction of sin, in our lives and the lives of others (Romans 7:14-25).
  - *The importance of patience:* We must be patient with our sanctification; we must be patient awaiting our glorification; we must be patient in waiting for others' salvation (Galatians 6:9-10; 2 Peter 3:9).
- "The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of glorification": (Romans 8:26-27)
  - How does the Spirit "help us in our weaknesses"?: We have natural human limitations. If it wasn't for the Holy Spirit we would have zero progress in our sanctification (Romans 8:12-13). We are helpless (Romans 8:7-8).
  - The Holy Spirit intercedes for us....: We as human beings are unable to pray perfectly according to God's will (1 John 5:14-15). But the Holy Spirit knows the perfect will of God for our lives (1 Corinthians 2:10-13). By the Holy Spirit we walk according to the revealed will of God and the Spirit guides us into the full will of God for our lives.

■ We remain in right standing with God because of the work of the Holy Spirit and Christ interceding for us and being our advocate (Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25-26). Because of their work in the christian's life we grow in sanctification and we will be glorified!

## Announcements:

**\*PRAYER:** We have gather together for prayer on Sundays at 4:30pm and Thursdays at 6:20pm before the services! We would love to have you join us for that time of prayer, we believe in the importance and the power of prayer!

**\*Baptism:** If you have any questions about or are interested in being baptized, please talk to Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Chris, or one of the church elders! Our next baptism service will be in 2 weeks, Sunday, November 15th!

**\*Church Fellowship** on Sundays ONLY, following the service, in the gym! Bring your dinner with you, get your dinner and come back, or have your dinner delivered to the church!

**Church Members Meeting:** We will be having a business meeting on Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following the service! If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting. We will be reviewing the budget for 2021. We anticipate the meeting to last approximately 30 minutes.

**Collecting Donations:** We are collecting donations for Vertical 196 during the month of November. We are collecting the following items: paper drinking cups, heavy duty paper plates, plastic utensils, individual hot chocolate packets, individual sugar packets, individual coffee creamer cups, and napkins.

Account Balance: \$41,116.67 September Balance: \$42,025.46	Weekly Budget: \$2,957
Actual Tithe: October 4	\$3,983
Actual Tithe: October 11	\$3,252.81
Actual Tithe: October 18	\$5,072
Actual Tithe: October 25	\$2,722