

Romans – Our Great Salvation
Message: Reassured in our Worry
Romans 8:18-30 (AM 9/24/17)

Paul, has traversed the great themes of the faith in his glowing epistle to the Romans – Condemnation, Justification, Sanctification and now Perseverance. A follower of Christ enjoys His favor but also endures His sufferings (Rom 8:17; Matt 5:45). Peril is a natural part of life. However, Paul reveals that for the Believer, peril has purpose. God doesn't send all the storms of life but for His Children, He weaves them into the tapestry of our lives and His Plans. Keeping that perspective, enjoy God's peace in the midst of life's storms. Let's discover the truths that will reassure us and sustain us in life's struggles.

I. His Perspective for your *Struggle* (18-27)

Your struggles are weathered through His perspective

Find *perspective* to face your storms:

- Contemplate your *treasure* (18) “*Suffering...not worthy to compare*”
- Consider they're *temporary* (19-25) “*Eagerly waiting for the adoption...*”
- Count on His *triumph* (26-27) “*The Spirit also helps in our weakness...*”

II. His Peace in your *Storm* (28)

Your storms are woven into God's plans

Find *peace* in your storms:

- Be *confident* they're coming (28a) – *It will lighten the blow*
- Be *confident* in your calling (28b) – *It will help you grow*
- Be *confident* in the conclusion (28c) – *He has let us know*

III. His Purpose for your *Suffering* (29-30)

Your suffering unveils the wealth of God's prize

Find *purpose* for your storms:

- To *confirm* your Call (30a) “*These He also called...*”
- To *complete* your Conformation (29) “*Conformed into the image of His*”
- To *confer* your Crown (30b) “*Whom He justified, these He also glorified*”

Application to life: We know storms are a natural part of life. Either, you're going into a storm, in the midst of a storm, or coming out of a storm. God doesn't promise to *save us* from the storms but rather *sustain* us thru them.

1st Step back and get God's perspective of the storm.

2nd Rest in Christ and enjoy His peace in the storm.

3rd Be reassured of God's purpose for your storm.