

**Future Glory**  
Hope Chapel Honolulu  
Romans 8:9-25

“...The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”  
(Romans 9:18-21, ESV)

**Introduction**

The writer of most of the New Testament—the Apostle we know as Paul—summarizes the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these terms: “Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles” (1Co15:3-7, ESV). But in today’s Scripture passage we will see that Paul learned that Christ did more than pay the penalty for our sin on the Cross, but that He set in motion reconciliation and restoration of all of creation.

**1. Life in the Spirit. (Romans 8:9-11).**

- a) Is the Gospel of Jesus Christ inclusive or exclusive?
- b) It is the Holy Spirit within us Who secures our relationship and resurrection.

**2. Heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:12-17)**

- a) “If by the Spirit (we) put to death the deeds of the body, (we) will live” (v.13)
- b) “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are the children of God” (v.16).

**3. Future Glory (Romans 8:19-25)**

- a) One day all of creation will be “...set free from its bondage to corruption...” (vv.19-21).
- b) “...We wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies...” (vv.22-23).

**Conclusion**

Of all the stories that accompany Christ’s resurrection, perhaps my favorite is that of Christ’s appearance to Peter and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus (Mk16:12-13, Lk24:13-35). It’s probably my favorite because it shows how Christ went after His disciples to help them to believe, and how even when He did and they didn’t recognize Him, He didn’t give up. And what I really like about that story is how when the unbelief of the disciples made it too difficult for them understand let alone recognize Him, Christ opened their hearts, minds and eyes to the truth of His resurrection through the breaking of bread.

**For our prayerful study, discovery and application:**

- 1) What does Romans 8:9-25 tell us about the work of the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What does this passage teach us about the benefit of having Christ in our hearts?
- 3) Share your hope in Easter and break bread at home with family and friends this week.

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