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**EVERYWHERE we look in Scripture,
we see God's transformative love.**

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Love in the New Testament: Romans 8, part deux

ROMANS 8 (TNIV)

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation — but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, **you will LIVE.**

¹⁴ **For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.** ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, **if indeed we share in his SUFFERINGS in order that we may also share in his GLORY.**

PRESENT SUFFERING AND FUTURE GLORY

¹⁸ I consider that **our present SUFFERINGS** are not worth comparing with the **GLORY** that will be revealed **in us.** ¹⁹ *The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.* ²⁰ For the creation

was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, **in hope** ²¹ **that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and GLORY of the children of God.**

CREATION GROANS, WE GROAN & THE SPIRIT GROANS

²² We know that **THE WHOLE CREATION HAS BEEN GROANING** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but **WE OURSELVES**, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **GROAN INWARDLY** as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, *the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for*, but **THE SPIRIT HIMSELF** intercedes for us through **WORDLESS GROANS.** ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because *the Spirit intercedes for God's people* in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ **And we know that IN ALL THINGS**

GOD WORKS

for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew **he also predestined to be**

CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON,

that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also **GLORIFIED.**

1. I've got some _____ news.

a. At the present time, we _____ & are _____.

b. At the present time, we _____ & have to _____.

- _____ **groans.** (8:19-21, 22)
- _____ **groan.** (8:23-25)
- **And the _____ groans.** (8:26)

2. I've also got some _____ news!

Yes, we suffer, but...

a. The Spirit is _____ us. (8:23, 26-27)

b. The Spirit lives _____ us. (8:9-11)

c. The Spirit lives _____ us. (8:4, 5, 6, 9-11, 13, 14-16)

d. The Spirit _____ us. (8:26)

e. The Spirit _____ for us. (8:26-27)

f. The Spirit _____ us. (8:14)

g. The Spirit brings about our _____. (8:14-17)

h. By the Spirit we can call God our " _____ ". (8:14-17)

3. I've got some _____ news! (8:17).

Yes, we suffer, but...

**a. If we share in Christ's _____
we will share in His _____!** (8:17)

b. His glory will be revealed _____ US! (8:18)

**c. We will experience the freedom and _____
of the children of God!** (8:18)

d. We will be _____ to the image of God's Son. (8:29, 30)