

We should have a biblical view of creation.

If we are true children of God, we will one day rule over God's renewed, renovated, regenerated creation.

We can glorify God by working to experience the glory of His design for all things.

At this present moment we are being prepared for something "glorious."

We live today—in faith—in a totally victorious God!

Next week: Romans 8:22-25

What is "the firstfruits of the Spirit"—that we now "have"?

What will "the redemption of our bodies" be like?

How does "this hope" help us "wait patiently" today?

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THE GOSPEL OF GOD

The Renewal of all Things

Romans 8:19-21

The tantalizing promise of Ephesians 1:9-10...

⁹ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

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.*

¹⁸ *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.* Romans 8:16-18

¹⁹ *The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons 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 glorious freedom of the children of God.*

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The longing of the creation.

¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

The “creation” is made to depend upon (and to follow) what God does with His children.

The creation was “subjected to frustration.”

²⁰ “For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it...”

Creation shared the penalty of man’s fall.

Creation will be set free—from its slavery to decay.

“...in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay...”

Creation will be “brought into” the freedom of the glory of God’s children.

“the creation itself will be... brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

The glorious future of creation is connected to our glorious future as children of God.

When we see a suffering creation, we should remember the cause (man’s sin)—and know that God intends to liberate His people—and change all creation.

We should view ourselves as part of an entire suffering creation—which longs for “glory”!