

# Something Better Is Coming

ROMANS 8:18-30


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Even though we **SUFFER AND GROAN** with creation (v. 18-23)

**something went wrong...** v. 18 Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 5:12; Ecclesiastes 1:2; Isaiah 24:5-6

**...and everyone knows it** v. 19-23 Ecc 3:11; Isa 65:17-25; Acts 3:21; Revelation 21:1-5

something better **IS COMING**, (v. 24-25)

 **there is real hope** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Titus 2:11-13; Hebrews 6:18-20

 **the resurrection proves it** 1 Cor 15:20-23; 42-49; Philippians 3:20-21; Rom 6:5; 2 Cor 4:14

and God's Spirit & purpose **GUARANTEE** it. (v. 26-30)

**the Spirit helps us** v. 26-27 John 14:16-18; Ephesians 1:13-14; Galatians 4:6

**God's purpose holds from start to finish** v. 28-30 John 6:37-40; Phil 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; Heb 7:25

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



Here's a few key terms that are helpful to understanding this week's text:

## RESURRECTION

**Raised to new life, never to die again.** Jesus's resurrection was not a return to ordinary life, but the beginning of a new kind of life beyond death's reach. His resurrection is the guarantee that all who are in him will also be raised.

## HOPE

Not wishful thinking, but confident assurance. In the Bible, hope is a settled expectation that God will do what he has promised, even when we do not yet see it.

## JUSTIFICATION

Justification is a **legal** term that means "to be declared righteous." It is God's act of **declaring** a sinner "right" with him through faith in Jesus.

## GLORIFICATION

The final completion of our salvation. This is when believers are **fully** conformed to Christ, freed from sin forever, and raised in glory. Paul speaks of it as so certain that he can describe it as already done—in the past tense! (*see v. 30*)



Scan this QR to see how the Gospel is the only fix for our brokenness.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

## Welcome to Life Group!

### Getting to Know You


Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

*What is something you hoped for as a kid that felt huge at the time? Did it happen, or not?*

## Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

-  **Read Romans 8:18-30.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- Romans 8** is honest about suffering, weakness, and groaning. But it is just as clear that for those who are in Christ (i.e. Christians), suffering is not the end of the story. Where do you feel the tension most between our present suffering and struggles, and the future we're promised?
- Hope is only as strong as what it rests on. Christian hope is not wishful thinking, positive vibes, or pretending life is easier than it is. It is grounded in reality and what God has done in Jesus Christ.

 **Read Matthew 28:1-7 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.**

- How does the resurrection of Jesus anchor our hope, especially when life feels heavy or unfinished?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



**Secure Son/Daughter**

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



**Courageous Connector**

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



**Ready Storyteller**

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



**Legacy Builder**

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

**Word Find: Matthew 28:1-7 (NIRV)**

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup>The **Sabbath** day was now over. It was **dawn** on the **first** day of the **week**. **Mary Magdalene** and the **other Mary** went to **look** at the **tomb**. <sup>2</sup>**There** was a **powerful earthquake**. An **angel** of the **Lord** came down from **heaven**. The **angel** went to the **tomb**. He **rolled back** the **stone** and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His **body** **shone like lightning**. His **clothes** were as white as **snow**. <sup>4</sup>The **guards** were so **afraid** of him that they **shook** and **became like dead** men. <sup>5</sup>The **angel** said to the women, "Don't be **afraid**. I know that you are **looking** for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here! He has **risen**, just as he **said** he would! Come and see the place where he was lying. <sup>7</sup>Go quickly! Tell his disciples, 'He has **risen** from the **dead**. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'"
 

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**life groups** Study Guide *(continued)*

- Something is deeply wrong in the world, and deep down, everybody knows it. The Bible does not just tell us that something went wrong. It also tells us that God has promised to make all things new.

**Read Genesis 3:17–19; Ecclesiastes 3:11; and Revelation 21:1–5.**

- What do these passages show about what went wrong, why people still ache for something better, and what God has promised to do about it?

- As **Secure Sons and Daughters**, we are learning to live from what God has promised, not from what we can currently see or control. What tends to threaten your hope most—suffering, waiting, uncertainty, or weakness?

- How does the gospel speak into that?

- Romans 8 reminds us that even in our weakness, we are not alone. The Spirit helps us, intercedes for us, and God's purpose is still holding.

**Read John 14:16–18; Ephesians 1:13–14; and Philippians 1:6.**

- What do these passages teach about the Spirit's help and God's commitment to finish what he starts?

**Taking It Home**

- Because of Jesus, Christians do not deny suffering, but neither do we surrender to it. We grieve, groan, wait, pray, and keep going with real hope. **Where do you need to hold on to that hope right now—and how can your group pray for you specifically?**

*As you close, take time to pray for each other.*



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