

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Hope That Transforms The World

Romans 8:18-39 | 26 March 2023 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Romans 8:17 *“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.”*

What were Christ’s sufferings? Have you ever shared in His sufferings? [You may want to look at the book of 1 Peter with regards to the sufferings for Christ.]

2. Romans 8:19-22 *“The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”*

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During the service, you were asked to think about the answers to these two questions:

- *“Why are there natural disasters and suffering in this world?”*
- *“What is God doing about it?”*

Share your answers with each other.

What is the implication for us for the Christian answers for the 2 questions above? Do you know/remember the reasons given by other religious worldviews for pain and suffering in this world? What are the implications if one is to accept their reasons?

3. Romans 8:26-27 *“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 with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”*

**If the Spirit of God is interceding for us, do we still need to pray?
If you believe we still need to pray, then how is the Holy Spirit helping us?**

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4. Romans 8:28 *“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.”*

Have you experienced this truth in your walk with our Lord?

Share your experience. If no one has any personal experience (in this area) to share, then share a testimony of someone you have heard whose experience reflects Romans 8:28.

5. Statement #1: We Need to have Hope in this life (And God will give to us – because we are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us (v37) – God WILL help us overcome our challenges/problems in life).

Statement #2: There is a greater (perhaps greatest) Hope that God truly wants us to have – to become transformed to be like Jesus Christ, so that our transformation can even impact the world for Jesus.

Discuss the reality/implications of these 2 statements of biblical truths. Have you experienced God giving you hope for your life?

Would you embrace the greater/greatest hope that God wants us to have?

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6. Please read Romans 8:18-39 (aloud) as a DG. Are there any other spiritual lessons/truths that you have discerned from this passage, and wish to share with your DG?

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