

## **SERMON TEXT - ROMANS 8:18-22**

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 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. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

## **THE STORY OF REDEMPTION: PART I ROMANS 8:18-22**

**Theme:** *God is in control of the story of redemption*

### **#1 - The Glory of Creation**

### **#2 - The Suffering of the Present**

### **#3 - Waiting For Freedom**

#### **Other Passages**

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**Roman 1:19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

**Genesis 3:14** The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field... 17 And to Adam he said... cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**Psalm 130:5** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.