

A Romans Refresher: Part 4: Romans on Co-heirship with Christ (Rom 8:18-39)

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Introduction

Believers are God's children, so we are heirs of God; but (if & only if we suffer together with Him for the purpose of being glorified together with Him) we then become joint heirs with Christ (8:17)

Present sufferings (of course) are insignificant in comparison with glories awaiting revelation (8:18)

Creation eagerly desires to be released from the futility to which it became subject in the fall, as do God's children eagerly await this (8:19-21)

Review of Romans 8:1

Creation groans in labor painst, as do believers (who have the firstfruits of the Spirit), awaiting our placement as sons, when our bodies are redeemed (8:22-23)

We have been delivered to expectancy—expectancy with endurance for that which has not yet been seen (8:24)

The Spirit helps us in our weaknesses as we inarticulately groan, not knowing how to pray, but He intercedes for believers in harmony with God (8:26-27)

All things (_____) work together with those who love God to produce good (_____) together with those who are called in harmony with His purpose (8:28)

What is the good?

What are the all things?

Who are the ones called in harmony with His purpose?

Who are the ones who love God

Those whom He knew in advance, He predetermined to share the likeness of His Son, so He might be the firstborn among many brothers; those predestined to share the likeness of His Son He called, those He called He vindicated, and those He vindicated, He also glorified (8:29-30)

Those foreknown He predestined

To what are we predestined? to share the likeness of His Son

Christ become firstborn among many brothers

Calling

Vindication

Glorification

The implication of this is that the Father (who did not spare His own Son) is for us—that He will give to His Son (the firstborn) and to those sharing His likeness all things (8:31-32)

No one can bring a charge against those sharing His Son's likeness (8:33-34)

No one nor anything (external) will separate those who love Christ from doing so, but they more than conquer through Christ (8:35-39)