

PAIN

Sunday, January 6, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Knute Larson

Part 1 | **Pain: Our Groaning**

Romans 8:18-25

All Creation GROANS

Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 24

✓ *its condition*

Romans 8:21-22; Ecclesiastes 1:2; Romans 1:18-32

✓ *the cause*

Genesis 3:13-19; Romans 6:23

and we do too,

Romans 8:23; 2 Corinthians 12:9; 1 Peter 1:5,6

✓ *our condition*

Romans 8:23; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 1 Corinthians 13:12

✓ *our connections*

Romans 8:23,24; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

Waiting for “That DAY”!

Romans 8:21, 23-25; 1 John 3:2-3

✓ *creation*

Romans 8:21; Revelation 21:1-4; Acts 3:21

✓ *children of God*

Romans 8:18-25; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:35-44



Getting Started

1. The groaning earth: How widespread is the pain? Why do some people think Christians are protected from it?
2. **Read Romans 8:18-25.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a

Digging Deeper

3. Read the following passages and note the one phrase that is reoccurring in these verses: Romans 8:19, 23, 25; Galatians 5:5; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Philippians 3:20; & Hebrews 9:28. What were they eagerly awaiting in each of these verses?
4. Think about the fall of mankind: How does that relate? In what way do we keep on falling sometimes? How far can we correct our course?
5. In Paul’s description of “creation being subjected to **futility**” (Rom. 8:20), he uses the same word that Solomon uses in Ecclesiastes—“vanity.”
6. **Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-8** in the NLT version. How does Solomon depict the process of growing older in these verses? How many of these can you relate to at this point in life?
7. What does Solomon (and Paul) conclude about the matter (Eccl. 12:8).
8. How is the behavior of such a person visibly proven? Do you know someone who would be classified as a “person of integrity” or a “blameless” person?
9. **Read Romans 8:24-25.** What is our sure hope? How should it affect our daily outlook? How should that show?
10. Talk with one another about what Paul is trying to say in these two verses regarding hope and perseverance

Up Close

11. **Read Titus 2:13-14.** What are we to be looking forward to in this passage? How are we to live **now** while we wait?
12. Share together what good work you want to “be zealous” for in 2019.

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of North Webster Church of God.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Romans 8:15-25 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

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. 23 And **not only** the **creation**, but **we** ourselves, who have the **firstfruits** of the **Spirit**, **groan** inwardly as we **wait** **eagerly** for adoption as **sons**, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this **hope** we were saved. Now **hope** that is seen is not **hope**. For who **hopes** for what he sees? 25

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