

## Grief Before Glory Romans 8:18-27 (NASB)

*Note:* Suffering is inevitable and inescapable.

### *Three Groans* (Ro 8:18-27)

#### I. The Groaning of the Creation (v.22)

*Question:* Why is creation groaning?

*Answer:* Sin

##### A. The Anatomy of Sin (Gen 3:1-14)

1. Doubt (Gen 3:1)
2. Denial (Gen 3:4)
3. Deception (Gen 3:5,6)
4. Death (Gen 2:17)
5. Decay (Gen 3:14)

##### B. Because of the Fall of Adam:

1. The animal world was cursed. (Gen 3:14)
2. The mineral world was cursed. (Gen 3:17)
3. The vegetable world was cursed. (Gen 3:18)

#### II. The Groaning of the Believer (v. 23)

##### A. Consequences of Adam's Sin

1. He lost his position. (Ps 8:6)
2. He lost his purity. (Gen 3:7)
3. He lost his peace. (Gen 3:10)

##### B. The Creation and the Believer Are Both Groaning for Glory

1. Creation is groaning for the glory of restoration. (v.19)
2. The believer is groaning for the glory of resurrection. (v.23)

#### III. The Groaning of the Holy Spirit v. 26, 27)