

“Through the Flame Toward Glory”

Amazed by Grace • part 33

INTRODUCTION

- suffering & glory...for moms

- suffering & glory...for believers

MAIN IDEA

The Spirit _____ every believer through
_____ unto _____.

1. *The struggle and the wait...* (8:18-19)

- suffering v. glory
2 Cor. 4:17

- eagerly waiting for the unwrapping
Dan. 12:3



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2. *The eager waiting of creation* (8:20-22)

- God's judgment on creation
Gen. 3:17-19

- enslaved to decay

“nature is...enslaved, locked into an unending cycle so that conception, birth, and growth are relentlessly followed by decline, decay, death, and decomposition.”
– John Stott

- immediate result: *futility*
Eccl. 1:2

- the next ‘chapter’...

“When the country goes temporarily to the dogs, cats must learn to be circumspect, walk on fences, sleep in trees and have faith that all this woofing is not the last word. Hang on, another chapter follows.”
– Garrison Keillor

Isa. 32:15; 44:3; Zech. 14:11; Rev. 22:3
Isa. 65:17, 20, 25; 35:1-2; 11:6, 8-9

“Creation is not undergoing *death pangs*, but *birth pangs*.”
– Leon Morris

3. *The eager waiting of God's redeemed* (8:23-25)

- the “first fruit” of the Spirit
Gen. 24:53
Phil. 3:20-21

- our groaning

- our waiting
Tit. 2:13