

THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION

Romans 8:18-30

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INTRO:

1. A **classical** view about things to come
2. A **critical** view of things to come

A. HOPE FOR A NEW CREATION

1. The **frustration** of creation (v. 18-20)
2. The **freedom** of creation (v. 21)

B. HOPE FOR A NEW CREATURE

1. The **struggles** of the fallen nature (v. 22)
2. The **scope** of the new creature (v. 23-25)

C. HOPE IN TIMES OF CONFUSION

1. The Holy Spirit as our **Helper** (v. 26)
2. The Holy Spirit as our **Intercessor** (v. 27)

D. HOPE IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

1. Through God's **perspective**
2. Through God's **plan**

CONCLUSION

Tabletalk Questions

Overview

As we saw in our last session, Jesus' death gives us hope in the face of spiritual death. In Christ, we have new life! As we continue reading through the New Testament, we get a clearer picture of death's eventual end. The apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:26 that the last enemy to be destroyed is death. The apostle John had an incredible vision of the end of time. In a memorable scene, he heard God say that there is no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. Someday even death will end. But what was the moment that secured Jesus' victory over death? That's what we'll be talking about today.

1. Which of the following is a greater source of fear for you and why:
Spiders or snakes? Darkness or heights? Public speaking or flying?
2. How should our view of death change if we believe it isn't final—that eternity with or without God awaits?
3. Read Luke 24:1–3
 - * As they waited from Friday to Sunday, Jesus' followers must have felt overwhelmed with sadness, fear, despair, and confusion. Describe a time of waiting when you have experienced these emotions.
 - * What do you do during times like that, so you don't lose hope?
4. Read Luke 24:4–8
 - * If you had been these women, what would you have done next?
5. Read Luke 24:9–12
 - * What role has wonder played in your journey with Christ?