

*The entire created order is groaning in pain from sin. There is futility in creation – so often we want answers and don’t get them, but God does not leave his creation here. The only hope is his plan for a new creation. This new creation is so glorious that our suffering pales in comparison to it. While we wait for the fullness of new creation, God has already given us a taste of new creation now. So hold on in faith!*

- I. There is futility to this life. It’s part of creation.
  - A. Imprisonment to corruption (8:21)
  - B. Creation didn’t start this way – it was subjected to it by the Fall in Eden
  
- II. New creation is the only escape from this futility and emptiness in which we and the whole of creation live.
  - A. We are waiting for new creation.
    1. We wait with a confidence in what is promised – “hope” (8:24).
    2. We don’t see it yet (8:24).
  - B. While we wait for new creation, we are “groaning” (8:23).
  
- III. The picture of new creation in its fullness
  - A. Adoption as God’s children (8:23) parallels freedom as glorious children of God (8:21)
  - B. Redeemed bodies (8:23) parallels freedom from imprisonment to corruption (8:21)
  - C. A perfected physical creation (8:21)
  
- IV. While we wait for the fullness of new creation, we have the beginning of new creation.
  - A. The Holy Spirit indwells us.
  - B. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us.
    1. Makes sense of our groaning.
    2. We often don’t know what to pray for as we ought (8:26).
      - a. Because of the oneness and the fellowship of the Trinity, the Father understands perfectly the mind of the Spirit (8:27).
      - b. The Spirit intercedes “according to the will of God” (8:27).

**Law:** We are fallen and we live in a fallen creation that is evidence of God’s judgment for sin.

**Gospel:** We have a promise of new creation, and we have already been given the beginning of it only by God’s grace.