



***Family preparation for congregational worship on October 01, 2017***

**Our Scripture-Romans 8:18-27 (ESV):** 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 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Discuss:**

1. What is the world waiting to see? (v.19).
2. What are God's children waiting for? (v.23).
3. What is genuine hope? (vv.24-25).

**Prayer:** Praise the Lord that He heals our emotional pain. Praise the Lord that He restores our hope and joy. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for greater faithfulness in sharing Christ. Pray that God would give you an eternal perspective. Pray for the Goodnews Jail and Prison Ministry as they minister to inmates. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

**Memorize: (October)** *The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."*  
Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)

**Music:**

As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

*I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known;  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.*

*But I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able  
to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.*

*"I Know Whom I Have Believed";* The Celebration Hymnal, #527, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997.

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CHILDBIRTH	CHILDREN	COMPARING
CONSIDER	CORRUPTION	CREATION
EAGER	FREE	FREEDOM
FUTILITY	GLORY	GROAN
HOPE	INTERCEDES	KNOW
LONGING	OBTAIN	ONLY
PAINS	REVEALED	SONS
SPIRIT	SUBJECTED	WAIT