

The Redemption of our Bodies
Romans 8:23-25
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What causes us to groan in this fallen world?

Christ came to bring heaven to earth, where is it?

We see the beginning of this new kingdom in us, and in the world.

First-fruits of the Spirit

First fruits contain two ideas.

- 1) It is the beginning of the harvest.
- 2) It is the promise of the full harvest.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is the down payment of our glorious future.

We are God's new creation already begun.

The presence of the Holy Spirit gives us a gnawing hunger for more.

The presence of the Holy Spirit whets our appetite for more of the heavenly life.

"The indwelling Spirit gives us joy and the coming glory gives us hope but the interim suspense gives us pain!" John RW Stott

We Groan Inwardly

The presence of the Holy Spirit is a constant reminder of the incompleteness of our salvation.

We long for the sinful life to die and the heavenly life to be permanent.

We groan inwardly for one thing - Our full and final deliverance.

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Our Spirits are alive, but our bodies are dying.

So we wait with patience for our total liberation, our final vindication, our glorious transformation.

So, we live with patience, with eager expectation, for the fulness.

This is an active, joyful, confident, expectant waiting (2 Cor 7:1).

We live in-between the times.

A future certainty changes you in the present.

Pardon our dust