

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Chosen to Choose: Groaning or Glory
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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also call, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. –Romans 8:28-30 (ESV)

Text: Romans 8:18-30

Healing Promise: God promises us that our present sufferings cannot compete with the glory of God's redemption for our life.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. –Romans 8:18 (ESV)

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. –Romans 8:24-25 (ESV)

Healing Glory #1: We can rest in the assurance of God's help in our weakness when we allow His Spirit to search our hearts.

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. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit...--Romans 8:26-27a (ESV)

Healing Glory #2: We can rest in the assurance of God's help in our weakness when we allow His Spirit to connect us to God's will in our life.

Because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. –Romans 8:27b (ESV)

Healing Glory #3: We can rest in the assurance of God's help in our weakness when we answer His Spirit's call to conform to the image of Jesus Christ in our living.