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GOSPEL HOPE from ROMANS 8

Message Info

Title:

Why We Can Wait

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Romans 8:26-30

Theme: We can wait with eager longing.

Introduction: How well do you wait? Generally, the answer is, "it depends on how badly we want what we're waiting for." Waiting is probably one of the greatest causes of complaining in our lives. We certainly endure suffering; but the Lord calls us to wait well as we trust him.

Here are 3 reasons we can wait with eager longing:

1. God prays for us (26-27)

We can all feel condemned for not praying enough; but Paul does not condemn us for our lack of prayers. He points us to the Spirit's work.

Even though we don't know what to pray, the Spirit does. He intercedes for us in accordance with God's will.

The Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. He is constantly interceding for us.

2. God is working for our good (28)

Everything about God's will is good. We should trust in his purposes.

However, that doesn't mean that everything that happens is good. We need to sort through to recognize God's good purposes even in evil (like at the cross).

Our call is to trust that the Lord is good and is at work for good, ever and always.

3. God is accomplishing a purpose for us (29-30)

His chief purposes is to conform us to the image of his Son, so that we become his brothers.

Our conformity to him is especially in our character as we bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Our greatest purpose is to become like Christ, to bring him glory.

God works through steps: foreknowledge; predestination; calling; justification; and glorification. His will is being accomplished all throughout.

Questions:

1. How do you generally do with waiting?

2. Is there any area where you are currently struggling to wait well?

3. How does the Spirit's intercession for you encourage you? What do you think he prays for you?