In This Hope We Were Saved

Brent Moody · Romans 8:18–25

INTRODUCTION

- Paul does not talk about heaven in the book of Romans. He talks about a restored humanity. And he talks about a restored creation.
- It's not just that he's going to redeem me and redeem you, he is redeeming everything. The whole creation is going to be redeemed.
- The concept of glory has to do with authority and dominion and rule, and this is what was lost at Eden.

1 Glory Will Outweigh Suffering

Romans 8:18; Romans 8:23; Ephesians 1

- Glory will outweigh suffering. Whatever it is we're going through, and each one of us go through difficulty and suffering and problems. There's going to be glory that is unimaginable beyond that.
- Everyone here is struggling with something, whether it be loss or pain in their life, or sin itself.
- The glory is going to outweigh that to a magnitude that we cannot even understand.
- For I consider or I calculate or I've summed up this idea that the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us.
- Something has already been given to us. We have this down payment of the Spirit.
- But it's just the first fruits. It's just the initial stages. Something far bigger and far greater is on the horizon.

2 God's Purpose Involves Redeeming the Whole Creation

Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15; Exodus 40

- It's about God making the world right again.
- In essence, the Messiah made possible the original plan for man to have dominion and rule and be fruitful and multiply.
- That what was lost in Eden due to sin is all going to be reversed. It's all going to be made right, and it's all going to happen through the Messiah.
- The temple is not some small structure. The temple is all creation.
- Ultimately, the plan is that God's glory is going to fill all the earth.

3 We Have a Part to Play as Priests

Romans 8:21; Romans 8:26; Isaiah 60

- We are the means by which that he is working in the world, that his spirit is working in the world.

- We have a part to play as priests and God's temple within a pain-filled world.
- Paul is talking about our vocation, not just to get through difficult times, but to stand in prayer where the world is in pain, so that God's own spirit may be present and intercede right there.
- As God's priest, a royal priesthood serving in his temple, it is not our job to act like everything is fine.
- The creation is obtaining freedom when the children of God are glorified.
- So our place then is to understand that all of this is going to be made right and to proclaim this message to the world.

THE CHALLENGE

And so you're invited this morning to take part in that, to give your life to him, to become one of Christ's people, and to be conformed to him.

MY NOTES