

Footsteps to Follow

“Hope for You”

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SCRIPTURE: *(God's voice in the Past)*

Romans 8:

14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children (*υἱός [hwee-os'] a son or descendent*) of God. **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sons and daughters. And, by the Spirit we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” **16** The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. **17** Now if we are God’s children, then we are heirs (*κληρονόμος [klay-ron-om'-os] heir, an inheritor*), heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in Christ’s sufferings (*πάθημα [path'-ay-mah] affliction, enduring troubles*) in order that we may also share in Christ’s glory.

18 I (*Paul*) consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the coming glory that will be revealed in us.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning (*συνωδίνω [soon-o-dee'-no] in travail together*) right up to the present time. **23** Not only this, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope (*ἐλπίς [el-pece'] expectation, hope, trust, confidence*) we were saved (*σώζω [sode'-zo] past tense to heal, preserve, rescue*). But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, and we wait for it patiently.

The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *(God's voice to us Today)*

- (1) We live in Difficult Times
- (2) Hope is the most Powerful Force
- (3) Hope is built on a Relationship with God

I Peter 1:4

**“We are born into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.
This inheritance that is imperishable, kept in heaven for you.”**