

# The Righteousness of God

## The Hope of a Child

### Romans 8:18-27 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*"What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but the richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father."  
- J.I. Packer, Knowing God*

Because I am God's Child ...

I can see the world – and my life in it – differently than ...

"consider" =

Note to self:

*If I'm struggling right now, I need to stop \_\_\_\_\_ my life to others' and to what I think my life "ought to" be like. Instead, I should start \_\_\_\_\_ my life now to the life that God has promised me.  
That is a perspective changer!*

### 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> For this **light momentary** affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are **transient**, but the things that are unseen are **eternal**.

A lesson from creation (v.22):

My own inner longings (v. 23):

Remember:

Our salvation finds its ultimate satisfaction in \_\_\_\_\_!

I can have an unshakable confidence in what is to come, even though ...

Until then, I ...

\_\_\_\_\_, knowing that in every part of life,  
God is working for my good and His glory through me.

**Romans 8:28 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

\_\_\_\_\_, knowing that the Holy Spirit  
inspires and intercedes for my heart!

When I don't know what to pray for or even how to pray about a situation or struggle, I am connected to my Father who knows my heart and hears the groans of The Holy Spirit for me and responds in goodness and generosity.