

## Seeing Life Through God's Eyes

When Christians see life as God sees it, they will lose all forms of discouragement. God sees the future as bright. Even though He sees the pain and the sorrow of His man, He also sees eternity.

Let's look through the eyes of God in the Bible.

**Romans 8:18 KJV** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**Romans 8:18-25 MSG** That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens. [22-25] All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

So many times, the enemy blinds believers from living a life of expecting God's goodness in their lives. We are God's very own children, and He loves us. He has prepared for us an eternity that will give us life as He lives it, and He wants us to start living that life now.

**Ephesians 2:4-7 KJV** But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: [7] That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Let me finish this Newsletter with these thoughts... If we read and study the Bible with the intention of knowing and seeing things the way God sees them, we will not be disturbed as the birth pains gets closer together. The chaos we see in the earth today - wars, natural disasters, violence in our streets - these are birth pains to the new Heaven and the new Earth. I believe we are living in a time that will usher in Jesus. Get ready, saints of God, we are about ready to live the way God lives!

Love you,  
Pastor Paul