

ROMANS

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Romans 8:18-25
“Gospel Angst”

GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS

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¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ 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.

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ 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. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Cause of our Angst

the sufferings of this present time... creation waits with eager longing...
creation was subjected to futility... bondage to corruption...
creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now

Dislocated

Already and Not Yet

Hebrews 10:14

For by a single offering he *has perfected* for all time those who are *being sanctified*.

sufferings of this present time

Relationships

Failures

Church

Natural Disasters

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Sin. Me.

Expressing our Angst

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Freeze

Stop and pray
vs.
Stop from defending

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Faith

“Wait Eagerly for Adoption”

Enjoy and Express the Freeing Love of Jesus

The Cure for Our Angst

8:18 For I *consider*
 (“logizomai” = reason, reckon)

Matthew 14:29

He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

The Cure for Our Angst

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth *comparing* with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

It's not a suffering issue but a

- 1) Considering issue
- 2) Comparing issue

Matthew 27:50
And Jesus cried out again
with a loud voice and
yielded up his spirit.



1 Corinthians 15:20
But in fact Christ has been raised
from the dead, the firstfruits of
those who have fallen asleep.

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We can face angst honestly

We can face angst hopefully

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

The End of Angst

Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.