

A New Hope
Romans 8:18-30

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The raging storms in life can leave us hurt, depressed and struggling to hold on to the hope of Christ. Believers can find themselves in a place of despair and discouragement. However, the words of Romans 8 lift our spirits and let us see the sunlight breaking through the clouds. We should not be surprised that this chapter is one of the most loved in scripture and today's text contains one of the most quoted verses in the Bible.

This text explains why hurricanes happen, why people may desire to pray in tongues and describes being "foreknown and predestined." But none of these subjects are the key thought of Romans 8.

Key Truth: The indwelling Holy Spirit gives me _____ that refuses to waver, even when I am surrounded by struggle.

The Holy Spirit encourages us in three ways.

1. The Spirit gives us _____ for the future (v. 8-25).

- The Spirit of God changes our _____ of creation.
- The Spirit of God gives us _____.

We have hope because we know that the _____

2. The Spirit gives us _____ in our struggle (v. 26-27).

We have hope because the Spirit is with us in our _____.

3. The Spirit gives us _____ in the process (v. 28-30).

- God gives us _____ during hard times.
- God gives us _____ of the future.

We have hope because God is bringing about our _____.