



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
because it is the power of God for
the salvation of everyone who
believes:

first for the Jew, then for the
Gentile.”



UNASHAMED:
BETTER YET TO COME

Romans 8:18-27

VS. 18

“Our present sufferings” (see vs. 17) - John 16:33

2 Cor. 4:7-18

2 Cor. 11:24ff

Hebrews 11:32ff

James 1:2-4

2 Cor. 12:7-10



“Cannot compare to the glory that will be revealed in us” (1 Cor. 2:9)

Both bodily resurrection and Christlikeness

Phil. 3:20-21

Col. 3:4

1 John 3:2

VSS. 19-21

Man's sin in the Garden (Gen 3) brought a curse upon himself but also all of Creation. Since that time, Creation is suffering and groaning, eagerly awaiting liberation "from its bondage to decay."

Can you just imagine the splendor of Creation **without** the brokenness of the curse?

One day, friends. One day!

2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev 21:1-5



VSS. 22-25

All Creation groans, but how? “As in the pains of childbirth” Don’t miss the HOPE!

The first fruits (See Gal. 5:22-23 and Acts 1:8 for evidence of His presence)



Waiting for our adoption? But what about 8:15-16?
Or John 1:12-13?

We are fully His children through faith in Jesus Christ,
(Gal. 4:5-7) but that fact has not yet been fully
realized

IN this hope - not BY it – we were saved

VSS. 26-27

Another incredibly gracious work of the Holy Spirit:
Interceding (making appeal) on our behalf

The Holy Spirit is the one groaning here
(It was us in vs. 23)

Our is the weakness, the groaning, frustration, longing,
eager anticipation. He meets us there and brings our
petitions safely, accurately and clearly to the Father



Hang in there, brothers and sisters!

Hebrews 10:23-25