

Life in the Spirit, Part 6

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8:23.
- B. There are three great groans for glory: creation, the believer and the Spirit. (Acts 7:34, Mark 7:34, Hebrews 13:17)
- C. The Spirit secures that there will be no condemnation for the believer.
- D. The Spirit guarantees our glory through intercession.

II. Creation groans. The curse will be removed when believers are glorified.

- A. The creation was victim to the fall of man. (Isaiah 24:6, Jeremiah 12)
- B. Creation will be delivered. (Revelation 22:3)
- C. Facets of recreation.

III. Believers groan under the curse of sin. (Psalm 38:9, Romans 7:24, 2 Corinthians 5:4, John 11)

- A. Believers groan for the redemption of their bodies.
- B. We are already called children of God, but we wait for the full inheritance. (Romans 13:11)
- C. We are a new creation, but sin still lives within our mortal bodies. (Philippians 3:7)
- D. Our new bodies will be raised incorruptible and supernatural. (1 Corinthians 15)
- E. The Spirit working in us gives us a taste of glory. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- F. We have been anchored in God's promise and character. We have hope. (Hebrews 6; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; 1:3)

Application Questions:

1. Why do believers "groan" even though they are already redeemed?

2. Why is it important to understand that we will spend eternity in a body?

3. How would you defend the security of your salvation? Explain.
