

# Sermon Notes

## Romans 8:15-25 – An End to Suffering

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### 1. In Romans 6-8, Paul teaches about

#### a. Jesus' Death:

A death with purpose

- For us,
- Freeing us from God's condemnation (8:1)

#### b. Jesus' Resurrection:

God's affirmation of Jesus –

- who he was (Son of God)
- what he accomplished (atonement)

God's affirmation of US –

- Guarantees our future resurrection with Christ

#### c. Jesus' Ongoing Presence Now

By His Spirit in us, bringing an inescapable conviction

- That we need God's help
- That we've been gifted by God to serve
- That we've been given power to grow in character
- That we truly belong to God's family as His children

### 2. In Romans 8:15-25 Paul . . . (Today)

#### a. Teaches about Suffering

- Not the "Why?" of suffering
- But the "How?" -- How do I cope with suffering?

#### b. Teaches from His Own Experience

- Suffered so much that others thought he was under God's judgment
- Describes his suffering especially in 2 Corinthians
  - 1:8-11, 4:7-18, 11:24-30, 12:7-10

#### c. Shares Two Thoughts that strengthened him as he suffered

. . . about God's Sovereignty over Time and the Future

- In the Future – God will bring suffering to an end
- In the Future – God will do something so spectacular that all present suffering will fade into insignificance

Key Verse: Romans 8:18

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

### The Jewish/Christian Understanding Of Divine Time:

