

The image features a background of ancient Roman ruins, including a large, circular stone structure and various rectangular blocks. A semi-transparent cross-shaped overlay is present on the right side of the image. The word "ROMANS" is written in a large, black, serif font across the center of the image.

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4. New Mood – *My feeling*. (v.v. 14-17)

- The Spirit reminds me:
 - of my *Identity*. I am God's child.
 - of my *Intimacy* with God. I am secure in His "Father-love".
 - of my inheritance. Confident in the future & broken over today.

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3. **In Christ, the Father *justifies* me, and the Spirit *sanctifies* me.**
 - These are not the same ... my *justification* takes a moment, but my *sanctification* takes a lifetime.
 - When I struggle against surrendering to the Spirit ... I will feel overwhelmed & overpowered by sin.

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Introduction:

Romans 8:16-17

¹⁶ The Spirit himself **bears witness** with **our spirit** that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided **we suffer with Him** in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Bear Witness: It is a mingling of Holy Spirit and our spirit

Suffer with Him: It is allowing the Holy Spirit to Sanctify us

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¹⁸For I consider that the **sufferings of this present** time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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Hebrews 12:2

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for **the joy** that was **set before** (forward thinking) him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 - A New Body

Our body is like a house we live in here on earth. When it is destroyed, **we know that God has another body for us in heaven**. The new one will not be made by human hands as a house is made. This body will last forever. NLT

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¹⁹For the creation **waits with eager** longing for the **revealing of the sons of God**. ²⁰For the creation was **subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, **in hope**

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- Creation Groans
 - The waiting to be freed from the futility it was subjected to

²¹that the creation itself will be **set free** from its bondage to corruption and obtain the **freedom** of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been **groaning** together in the pains of childbirth until now.

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²³And 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**.

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²For in this **tent we groan**, longing to put on our **heavenly dwelling**, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still **in this tent, we groan**, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up **by life**. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the **Spirit as a guarantee**.

2 Corinthians 5:2-5

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 - Hope is forward thinking (v. 24-25)
 - We do not find hope in the here and now vs 24
 - We find hope in what is to come vs 25

²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is **seen is not hope**. For who **hopes for what he sees**? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Unseen hope (forward-thinking) lends itself to three possible outcomes

1. When we live in Hope we can be **restored** in our trials (Jer. 30:17a)
“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,” declares the LORD
2. When we live in Hope we can **rest** in our hardships (Matt. 11:28)
“Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest”
3. When we live in Hope we can be **renewed** in our struggles (Isa. 40:31)
“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

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- 4) Hope is Understood as the Holy Spirit intercede for our glory (Romans 8:26-27)
 - Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness
 - Intercedes for us

²⁶Likewise the **Spirit helps** us in **our weakness**. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself **intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Application:

Defining Hope:

Hope is forward-thinking soaked in an eager expectation

1. If you are struggling to find hope today do not feel guilty
But find a fellow believer and share your struggle
2. Remember our difficulties in light of eternity are momentary
3. We cannot fight against suffering, but we can seek God in the midst of suffering
4. The Holy Spirit is on your side interceding for us to bring us into His glory