

The confident Christian

The Christian's future: groaning experienced, glory expected

Romans 8:18–30

Introduction

v18

'I consider' = I have reasoned

'this present time' = the now time

'not worth comparing' = weighed in the scales

1. The groaning of creation v19–22

nb: v22 'until the now'—the waters have broken!

2. The groaning of Christians

3. The groaning of God (the Holy Spirit)

Conclusion

Question for discussion and reflection:

- How does what Paul say help you with the suffering you currently experience, both as a Christian and simply by being human?