**WALKING THE ROMAN ROAD**

**Anticipating the Glory**

**Romans 8:18-27**

**The natural realm groans for the glory to be revealed**

*“We know that the whole creation has been* ***groaning*** *as in the pains of childbirth, right up to the present time.” Vs.22*

The curse followed the fallvs.20

Grace followed the curse vs. 21

Hope followed grace vs. 22

**Every believer groans for the glory to be revealed**

 *“Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,* ***groan*** *inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.” Vs.23*

 We “eagerly” await a glorified body (Romans 7:24-25; 2 Cor 5:40)

 We “eagerly” await a glorified mind (1 Cor 13:12)

 We “eagerly” await a glorified eternity (1 Cor 15:42-43,50)

**The Holy Spirit groans for the glory to be revealed**

*“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with* ***groans*** *that words cannot express.” Vs.26*

The Spirit understands our struggle in waiting vs.26

 The Spirit understands our purpose in waiting vs.27