

TWISTED
(3) Facing Forward

INVISIBLE WORLD ~ VISIBLE WORLD

The First TWIST... AUTHORITY

“It’s not about the “WHAT” – it’s all about “WHO!”

The Second TWIST...

PAIN and SUFFERING

THREE BIG DOTS...

1. IN THE BEGINNING...

2. IN THE MEANTIME...

3. IN THE END...

Romans 8:18...

"I consider that our Present Sufferings...

***are not worth comparing with
the glory that WILL BE REVEALED!"***

Romans 8:19...

***The creation waits in eager expectation
for the sons of God to be revealed.***

Romans 8:20a...

FOR the CREATION was SUBJECTED to FRUSTRATION...

***...NOT by its own choice but by the
will of the one who subjected it...***

Romans 8:20b-21a...

...in **HOPE**... that the **CREATION** itself **WILL BE**...
liberated from its **BONDAGE** to **DECAY**...

Romans 8:21b-22...

...and **brought into** this **glorious freedom** of the **Children of God**.
We know that the whole **creation** has been **groaning** as in the pains
of childbirth **right up until this... right up until this present time**.

Quick Recap...

Paul started by talking about **IN THE END**...
Then he took us to **IN THE BEGINNING**...
Now he starts talking about **IN THE MEANTIME**...

Romans 8:23...

Not only so... but we ourselves who have the firstfruits of the Spirit...
groan inwardly as we **wait eagerly** for **our adoption**...
the **redemption** of our **bodies**!

Romans 8:24...

For in this **HOPE** we were **SAVED**...

...but **HOPE** that is **SEEN** is **NO HOPE AT ALL**.
Who **HOPES** for **WHAT HE ALREADY HAS**?

Quick Recap...

IN THE BEGINNING... SIN ENTERED THE WORLD!
IN THE MEANTIME... WE HAVE HOPE!

Romans 8:25...

But if we **HOPE** for what we **do not yet have**...
we **wait for it patiently**.

Romans 8:26a...

In the same way... the **Spirit helps us in our WEAKNESS**.

Romans 8:26b...

We do not know what we ought to pray for...

Romans 8:26c...

***...but the SPIRIT HIMSELF... INTERCEDES FOR US...
with GROANS that WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS!***

Romans 8:28-30...

***And we know that in all things... God works for the good of those
who love him... who have been called according to His purpose.
29 For those God foreknew... He also predestined to be
conformed to the image of His Son... that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those He
predestined... He also called... those He called... He also
justified... those He justified... He also glorified.***

Romans 8:31-32...

***What then... shall we say in response to THESE THINGS? IF
GOD IS FOR US... WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? He who did not
spare His own Son... but gave Him up for us all - how will He not
also... along with Him... graciously give US all things?***

IN THE BEGINNING... Sin Entered!

***IN THE MEANTIME... God's Right There With You
and Still In Control!***

IN THE END... He Knows We Win!
