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The Gospel Story: Hope

A Study of Romans

Romans 8:18-39
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Opening Discussion

1. Do you believe as a Christian you have two natures at war with each other? Why or why not? Does it really matter what you believe about this question?
2. Do you think it's true that if you believe you will always struggle in your Christian life then you will always struggle? Can our behavior ever rise above what we believe to be true? Why or why not?

Bible Study

1. Review Romans 8:9-12. What is true of every believer?
2. Read Romans 8:18-25. What is the fullness of the Gospel story? Does redemption extend beyond just our ticket to heaven? Compare Revelation 21:1-4.
3. In your own words, what lies ahead for you as one who is "in Christ"?
4. Read Romans 8:26,27. What does the indwelling Spirit do for us when we find ourselves groaning under the load of the struggles of this world?
5. Read Romans 8:28-30. As a believer, God has already completed everything in you mentioned in this paragraph except "glorified". The verb *glorified* is actually in the past tense completed action tense even though it is yet future. What is this? Compare Philippians 1:6.

